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WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED BEHIND THIS
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LONG TIME, **LEGIONNAIRES...**
BUT NOW **NO POWER IN THE**
UNIVERSE CAN HOLD US!

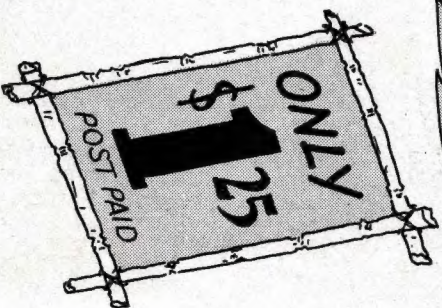
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GIVE UP, HEROES! HELP IS **NOT** ON THE WAY!

NO ESCAPE
FOR
KARATE KID
FROM THE
JEWEL JAIL!

AND THE
HEAT'S ON
SHADOW
LASS!

THE PRESSURE'S
ON
SUPERBOY!

BRAINIAC 5'S
IN A TIGHT
SITUATION

NO HOPE FOR
COSMIC BOY
AGAINST THE
DEATH SPHERES!

TRAPPED! DOOMED! YOU'VE HAD IT, LEGIONNAIRES!
AND YET, WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE! BUT, EVEN SHOULD THE SUPER-
HEROES MANAGE TO BREAK OUT, THEY'LL FIND THAT THEY HAVE ENGINEERED THE...

ESCAPE of the FATAL FIVE!

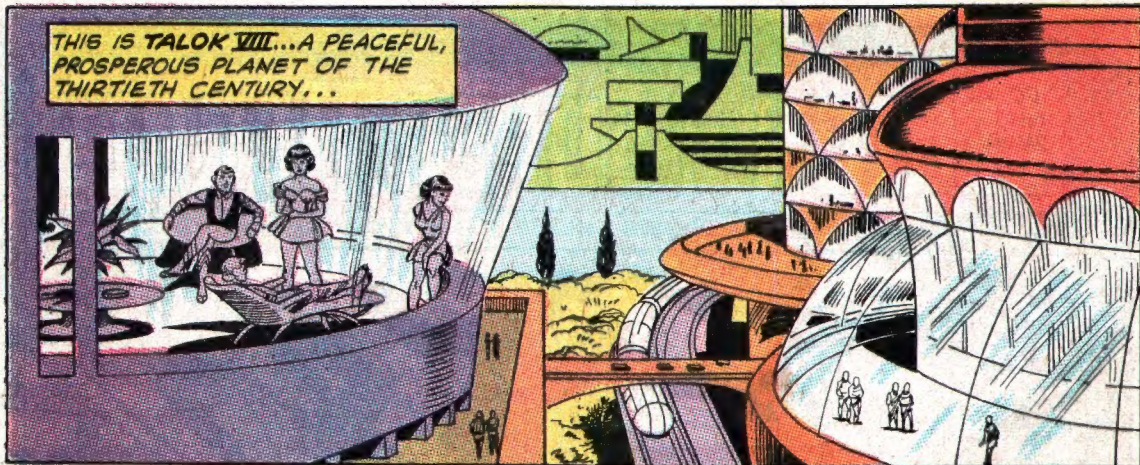
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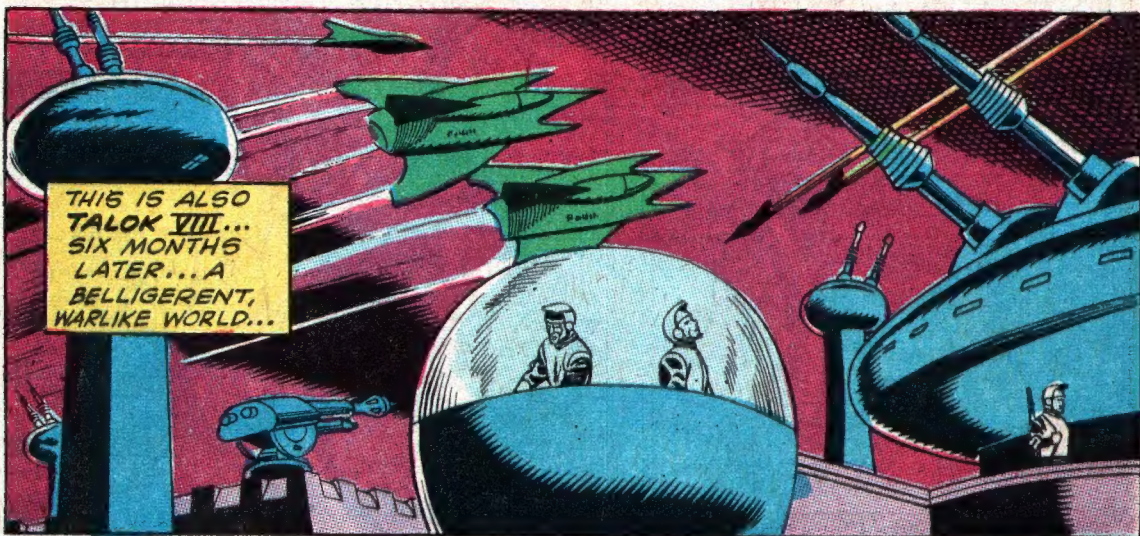
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THIS IS **TALOK VIII**...A PEACEFUL,
PROSPEROUS PLANET OF THE
THIRTIETH CENTURY...



THIS IS ALSO
TALOK VIII...
SIX MONTHS
LATER... A
BELLIGERENT,
WARLIKE WORLD...



THE **TALOKITES** HAVE CHANGED VASTLY,
INEXPLICABLY, OVER THIS SHORT PERIOD!
ONCE THEY THRIVED ON THE TRADE OF THE
SPACE-LANES WHICH PASS BY THEIR WORLD...
NOW THEY **DESTROY** ANY SHIP THAT
COMES WITHIN A MILLION MILES OF
TALOK VIII...



MOREOVER, THEY NOW ARE
CONDUCTING THE FORBIDDEN
ANTI-TRON BOMB TESTS IN
SPACE, MENACING THEIR
NEIGHBOR WORLDS WITH **ANTI-
MATTER** FALLOUT...



WHILE WE WERE VIEWING THESE SCENES, GO WERE FOUR **SUPER-HEROES...**

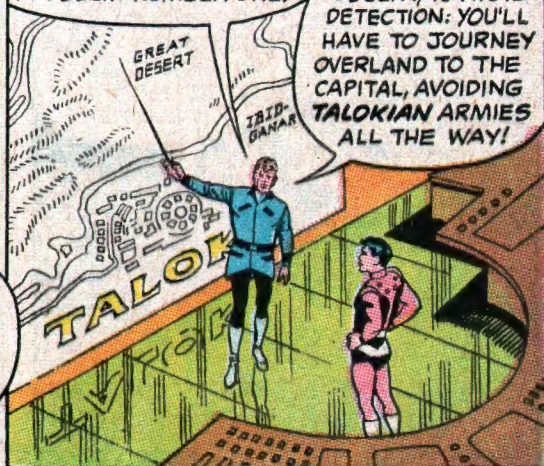
WHAT DO YOU THINK, **LEGIONNAIRES?**

SOMEBODY HAS TO PUT THE SKIDS ON THOSE WAR-HAWKS...FIND OUT WHAT CHANGED THE PICTURE!

BUT IF THE **TALOKITES** DESTROY ALL APPROACHING SHIPS, HOW CAN WE?

WE CAN GET YOU THERE ALL RIGHT, **COSMIC BOY...** BUT THAT'S JUST PROBLEM NUMBER ONE!

FIRST, WE'LL SET YOU DOWN **HERE**, IN THE DESERT, TO AVOID DETECTION: YOU'LL HAVE TO JOURNEY OVERLAND TO THE CAPITAL, AVOIDING **TALOKIAN ARMIES** ALL THE WAY!



THAT'S WHY WE ARRANGED FOR YOU TO HAVE A **GUIDE!**

I AM **SHADOW LASS**, HEROINE OF **TALOK!**

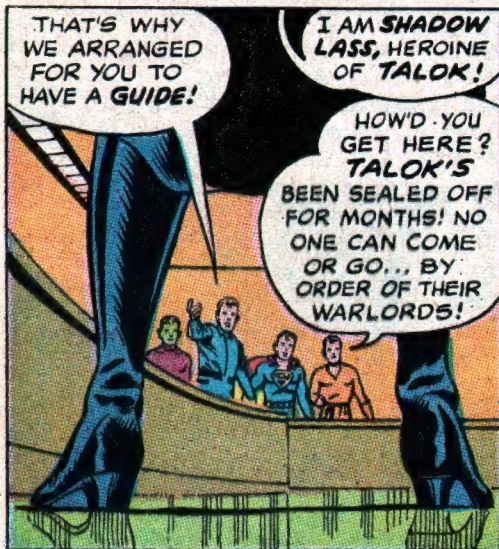
HOW'D YOU GET HERE? **TALOK'S** BEEN SEALED OFF FOR MONTHS! NO ONE CAN COME OR GO... BY ORDER OF THEIR WARLORDS!

I WAS ON A MISSION IN SPACE...WHEN I TRIED TO RETURN, I NARROWLY MISSED BEING BLASTED BY MY OWN PEOPLE!

I **MUST** FIND OUT WHAT TURNED THEM AGAINST ME... AND THE REST OF THE **COSMOS!**

OKAY...WE CAN USE SOME-ONE WHO'S HIP TO THE **TERRAIN!**

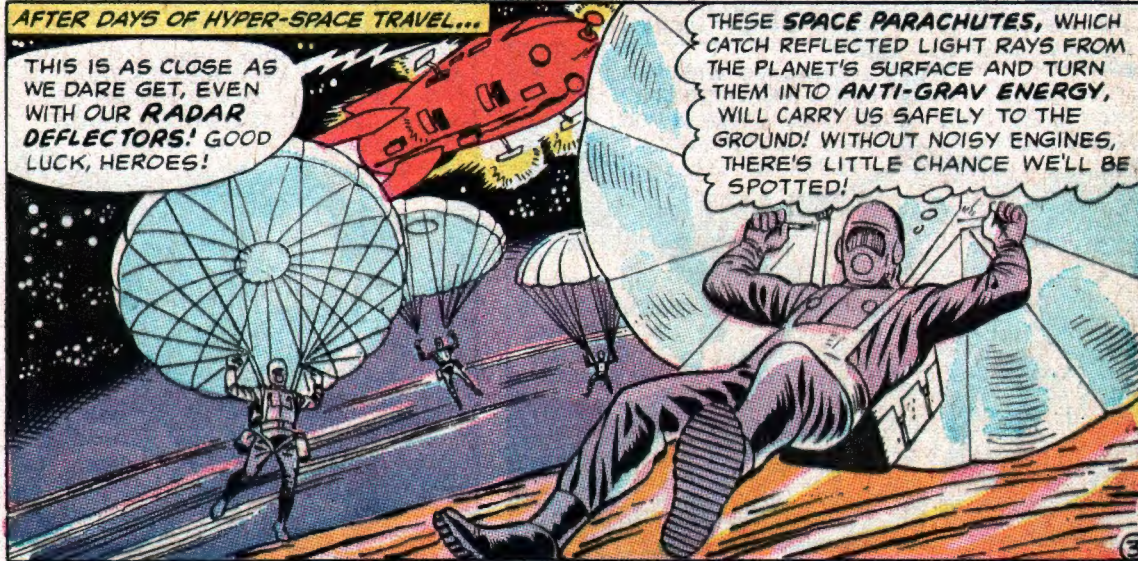
PREPARATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE! YOU'LL LEAVE TONIGHT, **LEGIONNAIRES!**



AFTER DAYS OF **HYPER-SPACE** TRAVEL...

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS WE DARE GET, EVEN WITH OUR **RADAR DEFLECTORS!** GOOD LUCK, HEROES!

THESE **SPACE PARACHUTES**, WHICH CATCH REFLECTED LIGHT RAYS FROM THE PLANET'S SURFACE AND TURN THEM INTO **ANTI-GRAV ENERGY**, WILL CARRY US SAFELY TO THE GROUND! WITHOUT NOISY ENGINES, THERE'S LITTLE CHANCE WE'LL BE **SPOTTED!**



MINUTES LATER...



WE'VE LANDED!

CLEVER DEDUCTION, SHERLOCK!

QUICKLY, FOLLOW ME! IT'S DAYLIGHT, AND COVER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS PRACTICALLY NIL! WE MUSTN'T BE FOUND BY THE AUTHORITIES!

SOON, AS THE PARTY PASSES A ROCKY CRAG JUTTING FROM THE DESERT FLOOR...

CAVES! WE CAN HIDE HERE!

CHECK...TILL NIGHT-FALL! WE CAN'T CHANCE TRAVELING BY DAY, WHEN THE PLACE IS PROBABLY SWARMING WITH ARMED PATROLS!

SURE THING! IT WOULD BE A CRYIN' SHAME IF SOME HOT-SHOT SOLDIER PINPOINTED US!

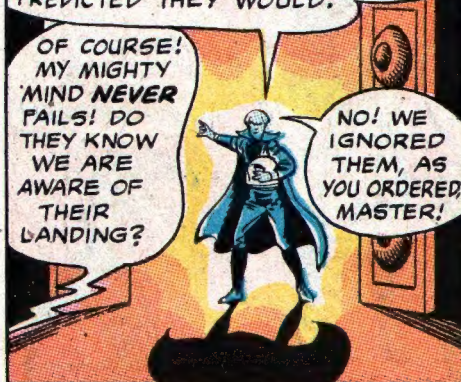


BUT, MEANWHILE, IN A VAST FORTRESS THAT GUARDS THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL OF TALOK...

MASTER! AS YOU FORETOLD, THEY HAVE COME! THEY LANDED EXACTLY WHERE YOU PREDICTED THEY WOULD!

OF COURSE! MY MIGHTY MIND NEVER FAILS! DO THEY KNOW WE ARE AWARE OF THEIR LANDING?

NO! WE IGNORED THEM, AS YOU ORDERED, MASTER!



GOOD!...EXCELLENT! NO DOUBT THEY WILL SET OUT FOR THE CAPITAL BY NIGHT! THEY WILL BE RE-DIRECTED HERE, CAPTAIN, ACCORDING TO PLAN!

HELP THEM ALONG ON THEIR TREK!... BUT THEY MUST NOT BE... "DISCOVERED"!

AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE!



AND, AS NIGHT'S SHADOWS CREEP ACROSS THE DESERT SANDS...

LET'S MOVE! THIS PACK IS GETTING HEAVY ALREADY!

YOU'LL BE WISHING FOR A HEAVIER PACK BEFORE LONG, WHEN THE FOOD STARTS RUNNING LOW!

GOOD OL' BRAINY! ALWAYS LOOKS AT THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS!

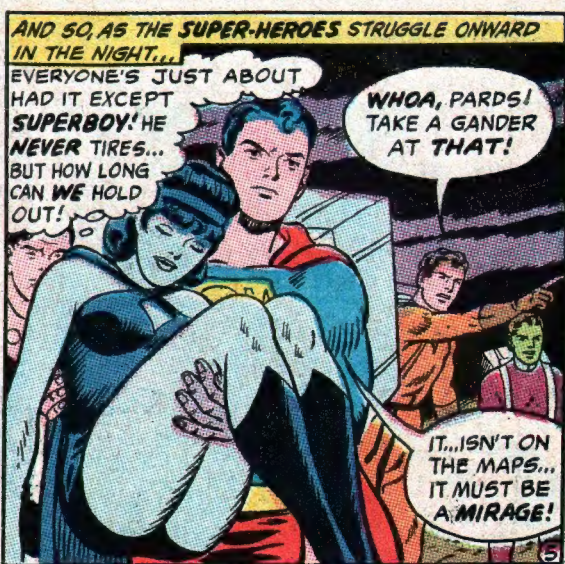
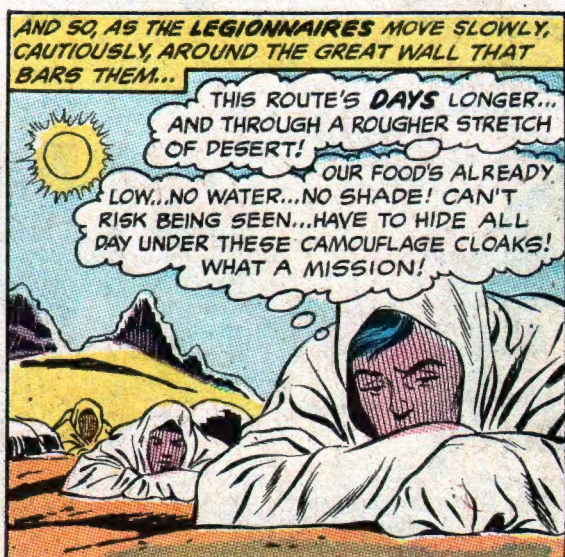
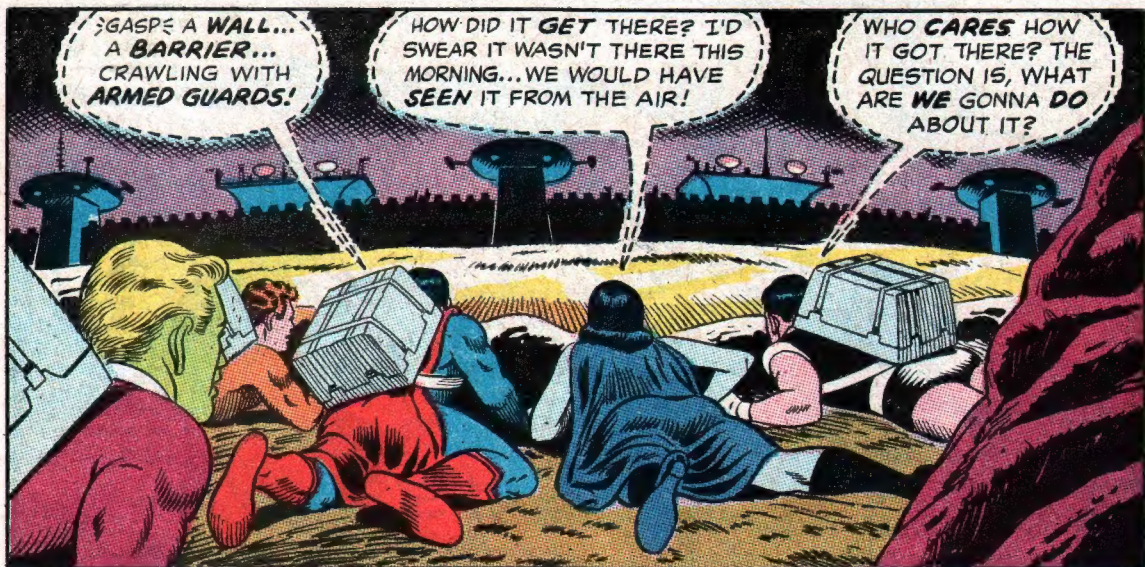


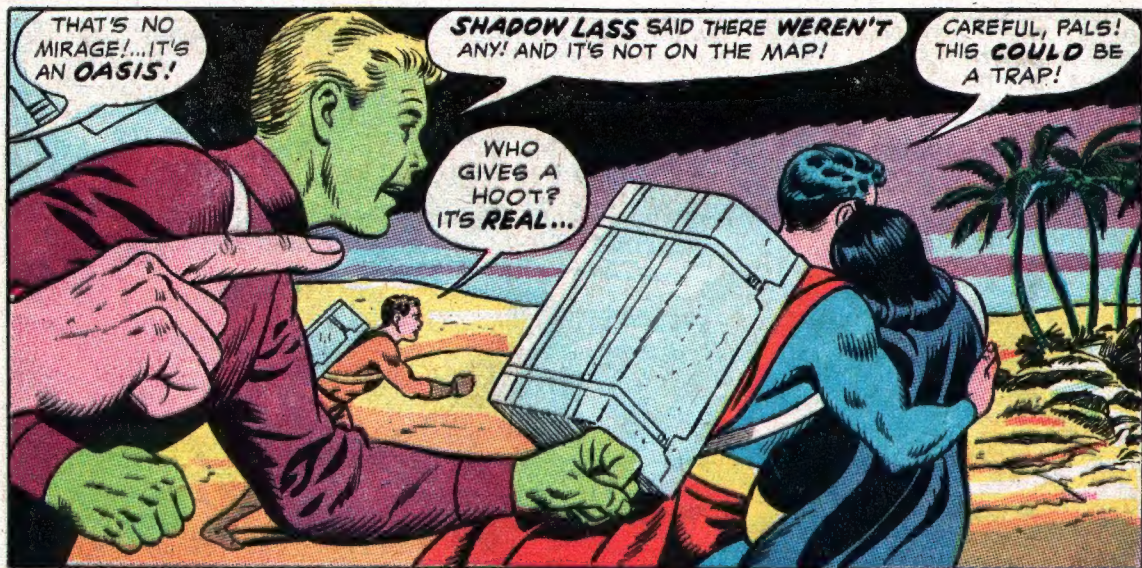
WE DON'T DARE TRY FLYING... RADAR WOULD PICK US UP IN NO TIME! WE'LL HAVE TO LEG IT OUT!

DON'T FRET! I KNOW THIS PLACE LIKE YOU KNOW YOUR CLUBHOUSE! THE DROP WAS ON TARGET! WE HAVEN'T FAR TO GO!

HEY... LOOK! UP AHEAD!







THAT'S NO MIRAGE!...IT'S AN **OASIS!**

SHADOW LASS SAID THERE **WEREN'T** ANY! AND IT'S NOT ON THE MAP!

CAREFUL, PALS! THIS **COULD** BE A TRAP!

WHO GIVES A HOOT? IT'S REAL...



BUT...

NO TRAP! JUST **FOOD** AND **WATER!** AHH!

WE'LL REST HERE UNTIL TOMORROW NIGHT! THEN SET OUT AGAIN!

IN THIS THICK FOLIAGE, I DOUBT WE'LL BE SEEN BY PASSING PATROLS!



HA, HA! I DOUBT IT, TOO. **LEGIONNAIRES**, SINCE ALL PATROLS HAVE BEEN ORDERED **NOT** TO "SEE" YOU!

GET SOME REST, GROUP! MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS WE'LL BE SCALING MOUNTAINS TOMORROW NIGHT!

EAT AND DRINK WELL! ONLY THE **MASTER'S** SCIENCE COULD CREATE AN OASIS **OVERNIGHT!** AND HE WANTS YOU **HEALTHY!**

AND SO, AS THE NEXT NIGHT'S MARCH BRINGS THE REFRESHED **LEGIONNAIRES** TO THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS THAT GUARD THE CAPITAL AND ITS CITADEL!



BREAK OUT THE CLIMBING GEAR!

THIS IS A PASS? YEESH! I'D HATE TO HAVE TO SCALE THE **PEAKS!**

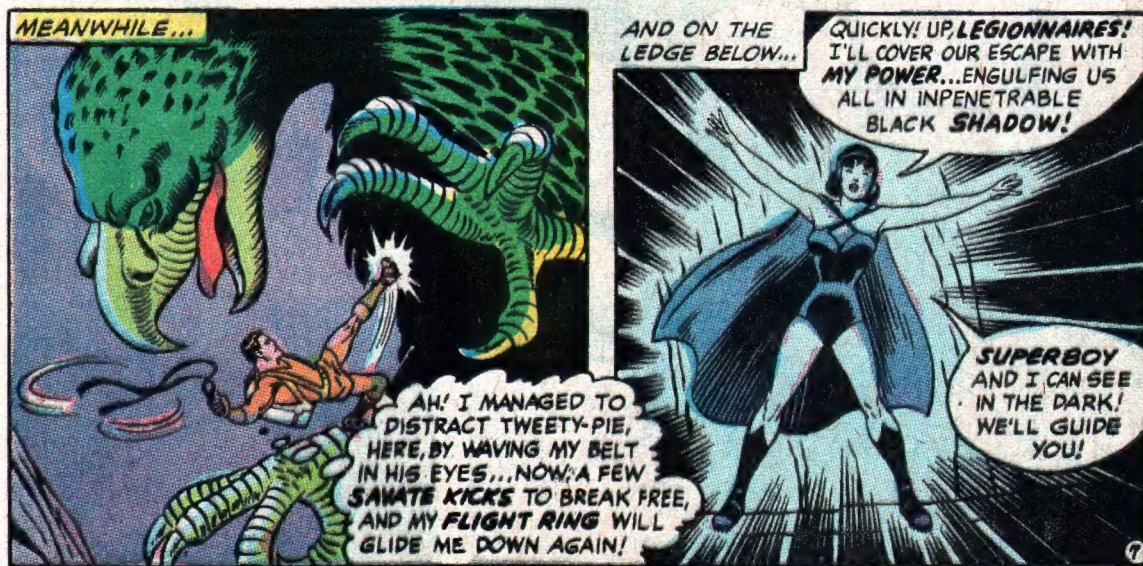
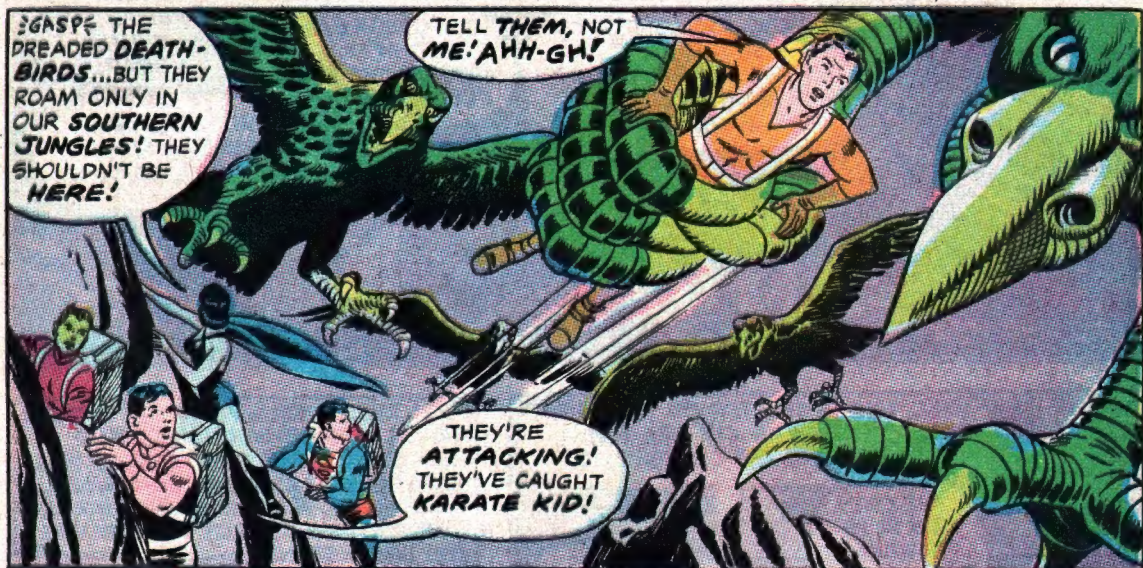


DON'T BELLOW SO LOUD, KID! THERE MIGHT BE **GUARDS** UP THERE!

NO, **BRAINIAC** S! I'VE ALREADY CHECKED WITH MY SUPER-VISION! **NO GUARDS!**

PERHAPS IT'S **LUCKY** WE CAME THIS WAY. THE OTHER PASS IS GUARDED!

HEY... WHAT'S THAT?

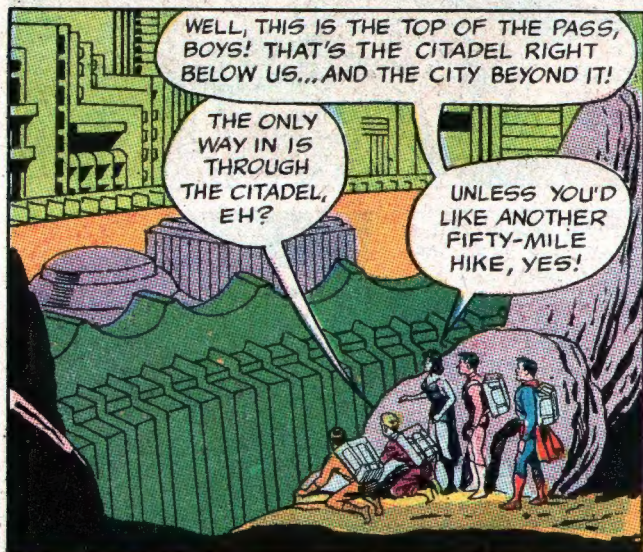


SOON...

WOW...EVEN THOUGH IT'S NIGHT, IT MUST BE TEN TIMES AS DARK IN THIS **BLACKOUT** OF YOURS, **SHADOW LASS!**

A **HUNDRED** TIMES WOULD BE NEARER THE MARK, **COSMIC BOY!**

AHH! I CAN **DISPEL** MY SHADOW NOW! THE BIRDS HAVE GONE!



WELL, THIS IS THE TOP OF THE PASS, BOYS! THAT'S THE CITADEL RIGHT BELOW US...AND THE CITY BEYOND IT!

THE ONLY WAY IN IS THROUGH THE CITADEL, EH?

UNLESS YOU'D LIKE ANOTHER FIFTY-MILE HIKE, YES!

WE'LL NEED DISGUISES TO GET THROUGH THE VILLAGES BETWEEN HERE AND THE CITADEL GATE! THESE OUTFITS WILL MAKE US LOOK LIKE **YAKKA-MAHOR**... MOUNTAIN PEOPLE WHO SPEAK A STRANGE LANGUAGE FEW BESIDES THEMSELVES CAN UNDERSTAND!

IF YOU'RE QUESTIONED, JUST **MUMBLE!**



SOON, AS THE DISGUISED **LEGIONNAIRES** WALK THROUGH A TOWN AT THE DAWN MARKETING HOUR...

LOOK, MAMA! **SAVAGES!** MOUNTAIN MEN!

HUSH, DEAR! MUSN'T TEASE THE SIMPLE-MINDED!

I RESENT THAT!

SHH!

WE ARE REGARDED AS **INFERIORS**, BUT NO ONE WILL BOTHER US!



LATER...

LOOK! THE **GATE!**

RIGHT...BUT WE DON'T DARE TRY ANYTHING TILL DARK! WE CAN HIDE IN THIS ALLEY TILL THEN!

WHY CAN'T **SUPERBOY** JUST CRASH IN? NOTHING CAN HURT HIM!

KRYPTONITE CAN...AND THE LOCAL WARLORDS HAVE GATHERED A STOCK OF IT!



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE MIGHTY CITADEL...

YOU SAY THEY ARE **OUTSIDE**, EH? AND THEY WILL COME IN TONIGHT? ARE THEY **READY?**

THEY ARE AT THEIR **FIGHTING PEAK**, MASTER... WE **TESTED** THEM AGAINST THE **DEATH BIRDS!** THEIR POWER IS **FANTASTIC!**

SPLENDID! PREPARE THE **WELCOME!**

HOURS LATER, OUTSIDE THE WALLS...

YOU! **HALT!** WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHO ARE YOU?

YURGOTH MATAR KONDO RANI!

OH! **YAKKA-MAHOR!** BABBLING IDIOTS!

FOOLS! IGNORANT SAVAGES! THIS IS THE **CITADEL...** THE **FORTRESS!**

MANTO **SULOP!** KORTAROS!

NO!...UNCOMPREHENDING IMBECILES! YOU **CANNOT ENTER...** GO **AWAY!**

GO ON, GO...**UHH!**

GOOD WORK, **KID!** GRAB HIS KEYS, **BRAINY!** OPEN THE GATE!

I'LL GIVE HIM A DRUG THAT WILL WIPE OUT ALL MEMORY OF THIS INCIDENT!

SECONDS LATER, INSIDE...

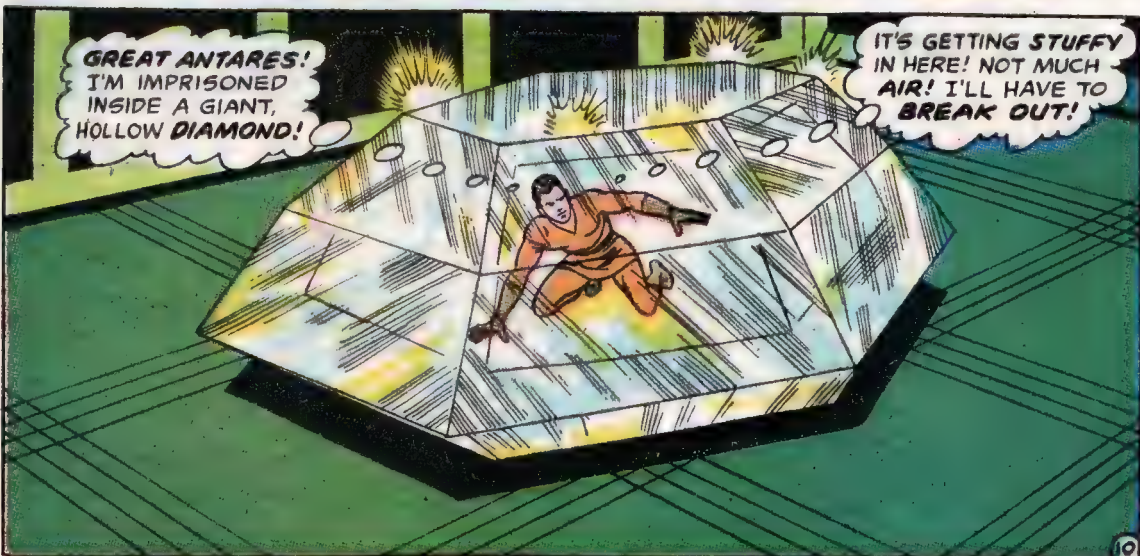
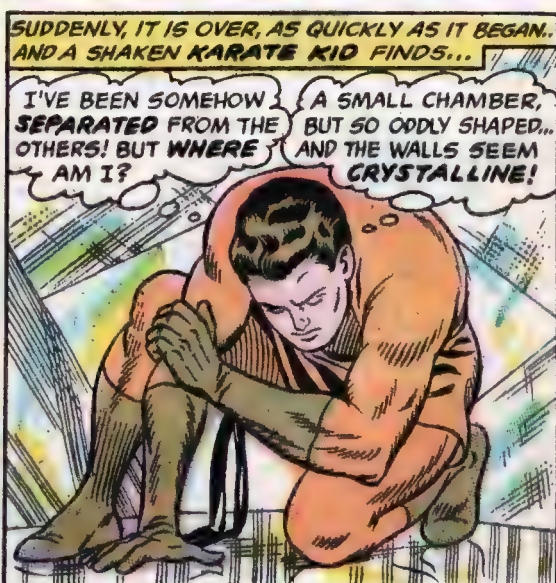
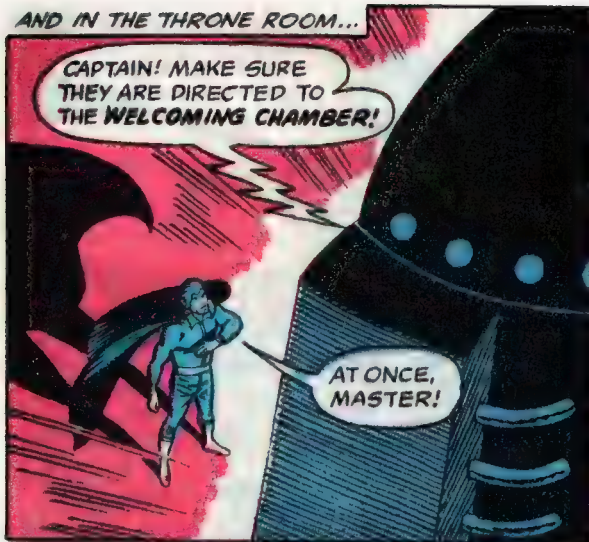
THIS IS THE ENTRANCE HALL! THERE IS A SIMILAR ONE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FORTRESS, WHICH OPENS ON THE ROAD TO THE CAPITAL! WE MUST MAKE OUR WAY **THERE!**

THROUGH AN **ARMY** OF GUARDS, NO DOUBT!

WHY DID OUR **ESPIONAGE SQUAD** HAVE TO BE OFF ON ANOTHER MISSION? THIS WOULD BE A LEAD-PIPE CINC FOR **CHAMELEON BOY** AND **INVISIBLE KID!**

HEY, YOU GUYS! KEEP IT DOWN... AND WATCH OUT FOR ALARMS!

AND IN THE THRONE ROOM...



I'VE CRACKED THE TOUGHEST STEEL WITH MY KARATE BLOWS ...BUT DIAMOND IS THE HARDEST SUBSTANCE KNOWN! I HAVEN'T EVEN CHIPPED IT!

I MUST TRY HARDER! IT HAS TO SHATTER! THE AIR ^{GASP} IS GETTING LOW! IT CAN'T LAST MUCH MORE THAN A MINUTE!



MEANWHILE...

WHOOP

OOO
OOO
OOO

WHAT IS THIS PLACE? WHERE'S THE REST OF THE GROUP?

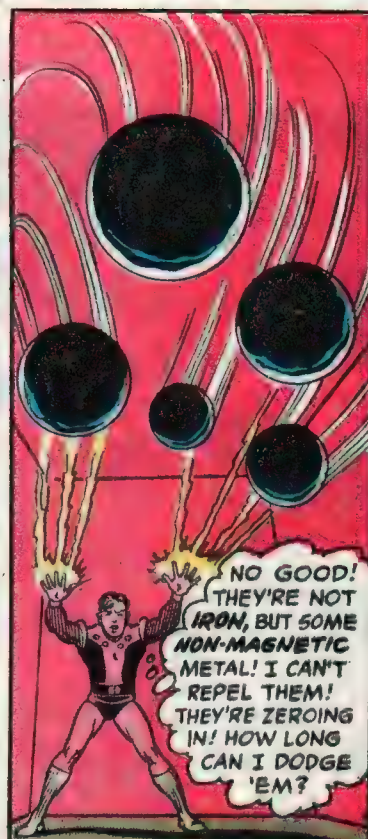
I'M IN A SHORT HALLWAY!...BUT WHAT'S THAT NOISE I HEAR? SOUNDS LIKE RUSHING WIND!



SUDDENLY...

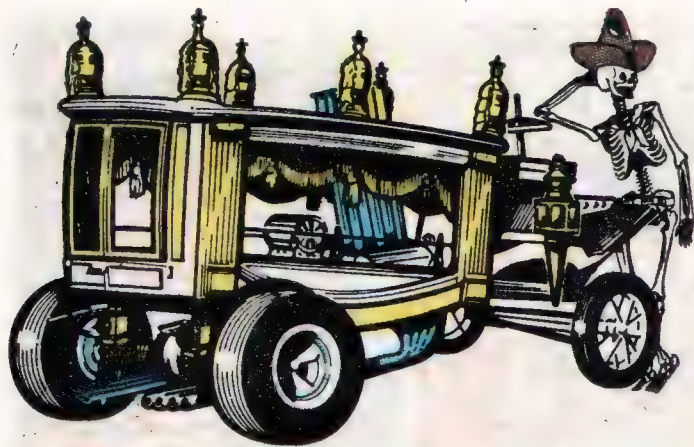
EYOW! METAL BALLS, FLYING THROUGH THE AIR AT TREMENDOUS SPEED! GOT TO DUCK OR I'M DEAD!

BARELY MISSED ME! BUT I'LL BET THEY'LL BE COMING BACK! THEY'RE HOMED IN ON ME! WELL, A MAGNETIC BLAST WILL FIX 'EM!



NO GOOD! THEY'RE NOT IRON, BUT SOME NON-MAGNETIC METAL! I CAN'T REPEL THEM! THEY'RE ZEROING IN! HOW LONG CAN I DODGE 'EM?

BEFORE COSMIC BOY GETS ALL BALLED UP, WE'LL HAVE A BRIEF PAUSE, THEN RETURN WITH PART II.



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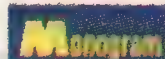
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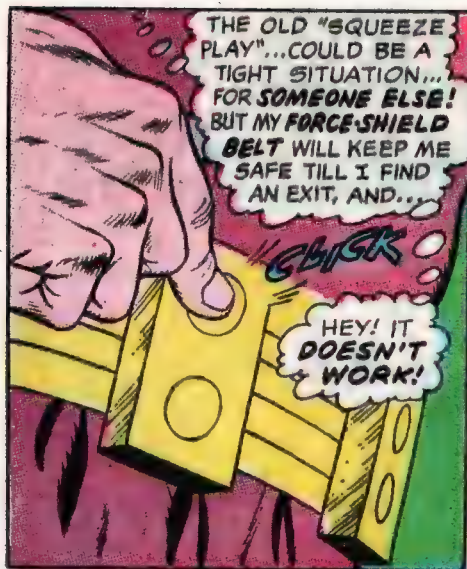


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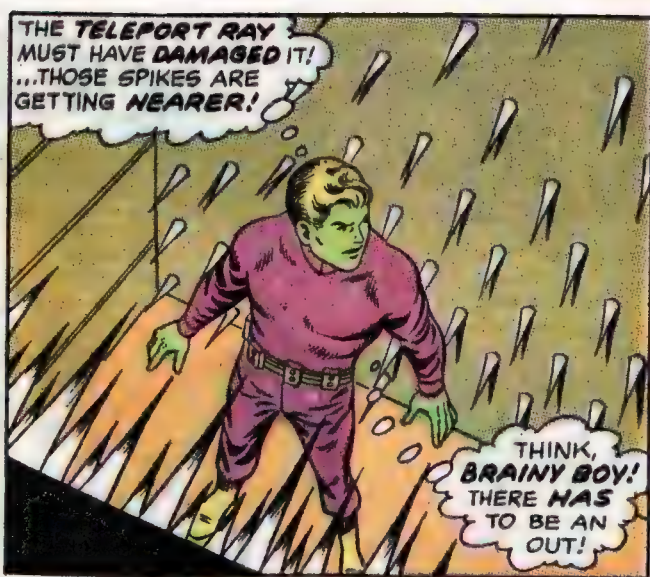
**WHY THIS ODD
JOINING
OF THE
CAPED CRUSADER
AND THE
Pliable Pretzel?**
ANOTHER GREAT TEAM-UP IN
Brave and the BOLD!
ON SALE EVERYWHERE DEC 26th



THE OLD "SQUEEZE PLAY"...COULD BE A TIGHT SITUATION... FOR **SOMEONE ELSE!** BUT MY **FORCE-SHIELD BELT** WILL KEEP ME SAFE TILL I FIND AN EXIT, AND...

CLICK

HEY! IT **DOESN'T WORK!**



THE **TELEPORT RAY** MUST HAVE **DAMAGED IT!** ...THOSE **SPIKES** ARE GETTING **NEARER!**

THINK, **BRAINY BOY!** THERE **HAS** TO BE AN **OUT!**

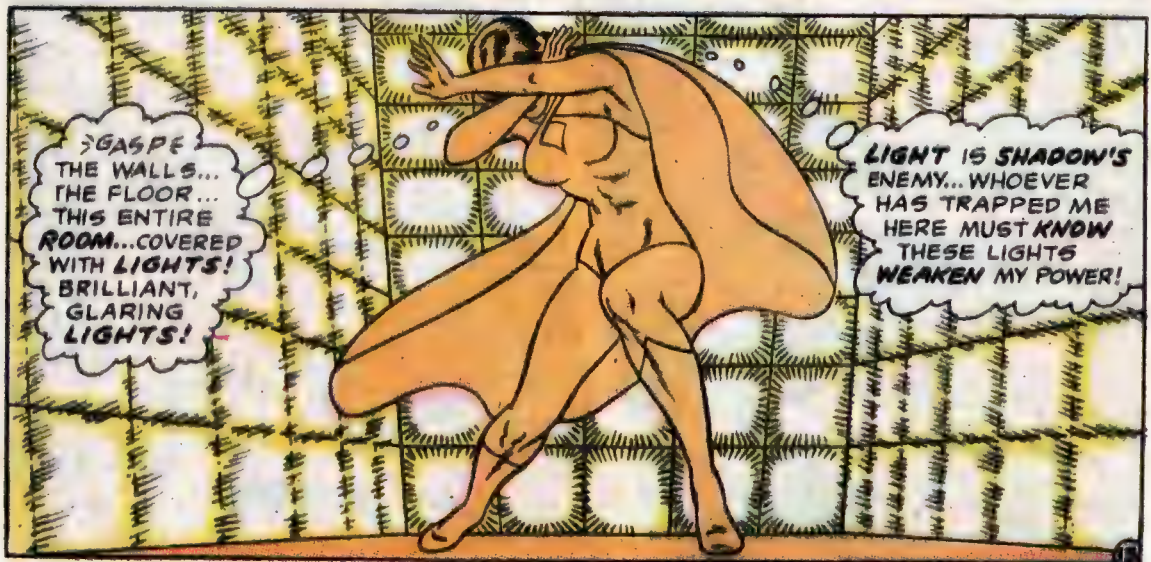
AND WHAT OF **SHADOW LASS?**

WHAT **HAPPENED?** A **FLASH**, AND NOW I'M IN A **DARKENED ROOM!**

AT LEAST I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL WHERE I AM WHEN MY **SHADOW-SENSITIVE EYES** ADJUST TO THIS **BLACKNESS** IN A FEW **SECONDS!**

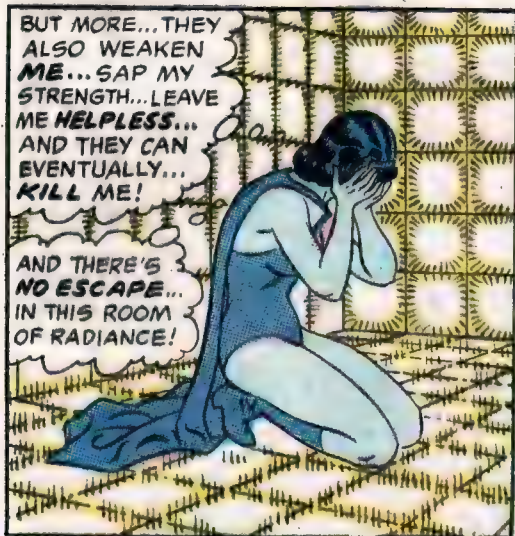
BUT, SUDDENLY...

WHAA...? **LIGHT!** THE **CHAMBER...FLOODED** WITH **BLINDING RADIANCE!**

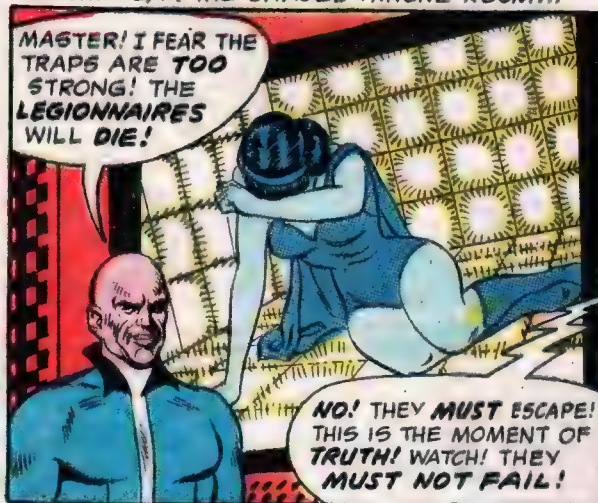


GASPE THE **WALLS... THE FLOOR... THIS ENTIRE ROOM...COVERED** WITH **LIGHTS!** **BRILLIANT, GLARING LIGHTS!**

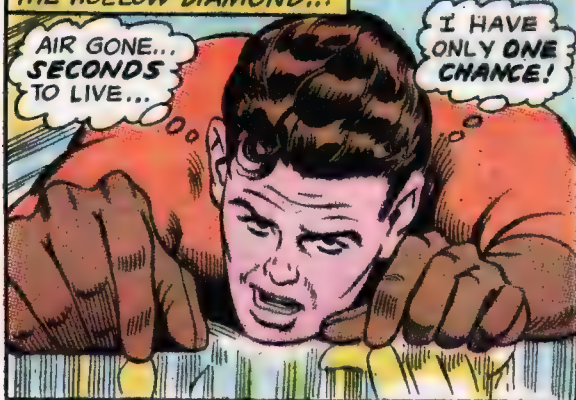
LIGHT IS SHADOW'S ENEMY...WHOEVER HAS TRAPPED ME HERE MUST KNOW THESE LIGHTS WEAKEN MY POWER!



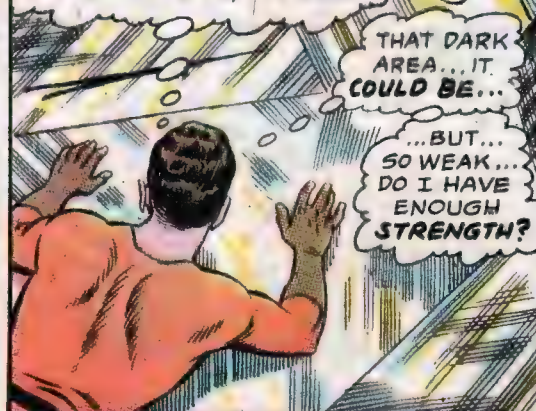
MEANWHILE, IN THE CITADEL THRONE ROOM...



WHAT'S THIS? THE MYSTERIOUS MASTER ROOTING FOR THE ENSNARED HEROES? EVEN SO, WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, CAN THE VALIANT LEGIONNAIRES COME OUT ON TOP? INSIDE THE HOLLOW DIAMOND...



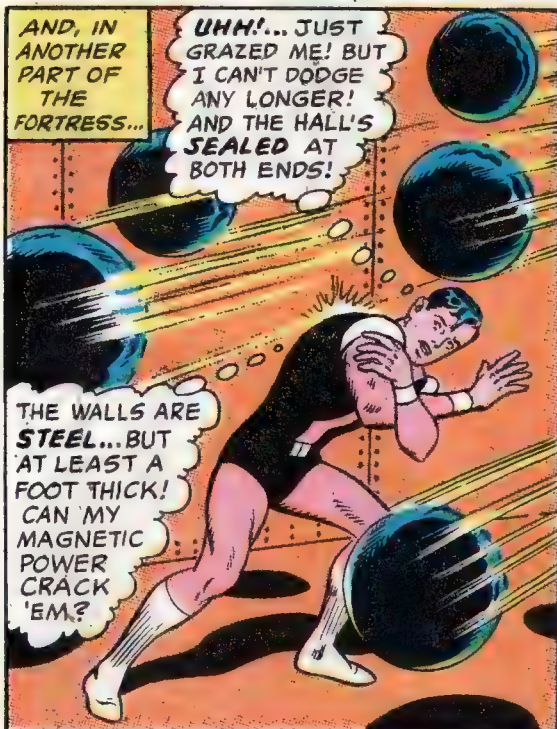
EVERY DIAMOND HAS NATURAL PLANES OF STRUCTURAL WEAKNESS! USUALLY, IT TAKES AN EXPERT TO SPOT 'EM... BUT IN A STONE THIS SIZE, MAYBE...





I'M FREE...NOW...TO
FIND THE OTHERS!

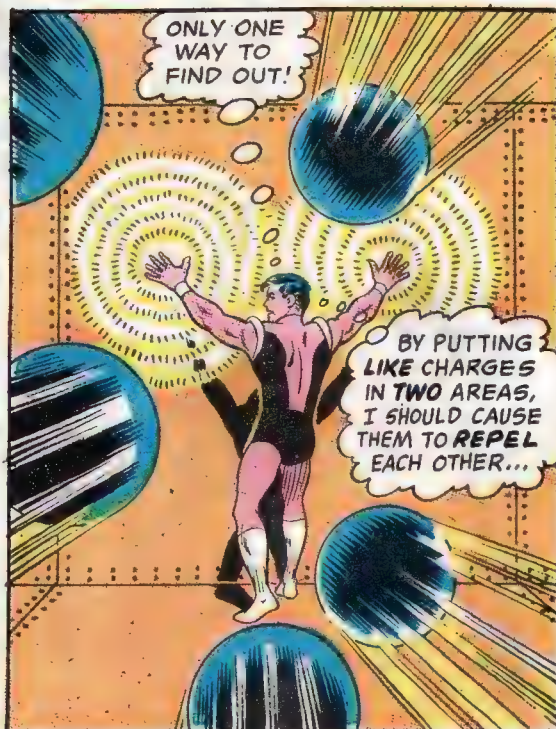
CAN'T MOVE...
MUST REST...
SO TIRED!



AND, IN
ANOTHER
PART OF
THE
FORTRESS...

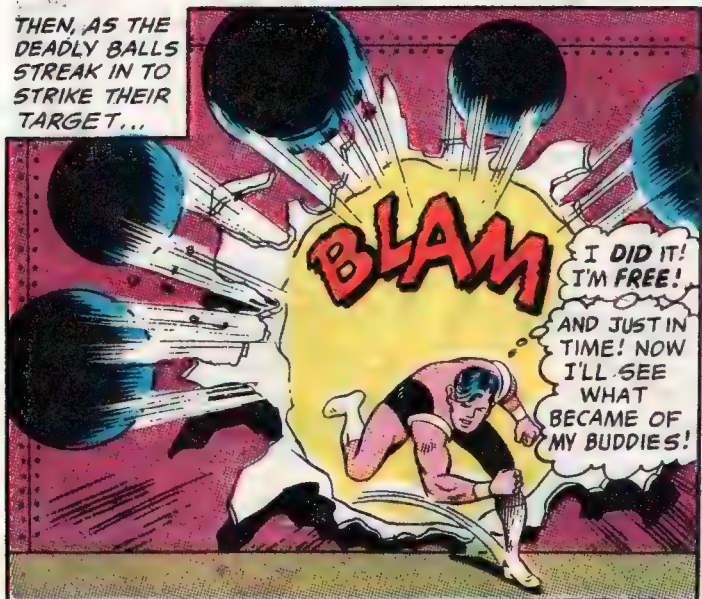
UHH!... JUST
GRAZED ME! BUT
I CAN'T DODGE
ANY LONGER!
AND THE HALL'S
SEALED AT
BOTH ENDS!

THE WALLS ARE
STEEL... BUT
AT LEAST A
FOOT THICK!
CAN MY
MAGNETIC
POWER
CRACK
'EM?



ONLY ONE
WAY TO
FIND OUT!

BY PUTTING
LIKE CHARGES
IN TWO AREAS,
I SHOULD CAUSE
THEM TO REPEL
EACH OTHER...

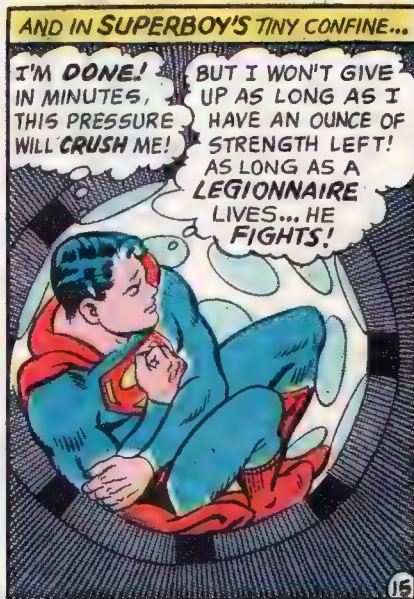


THEN, AS THE
DEADLY BALLS
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BLAM

I DID IT!
I'M FREE!

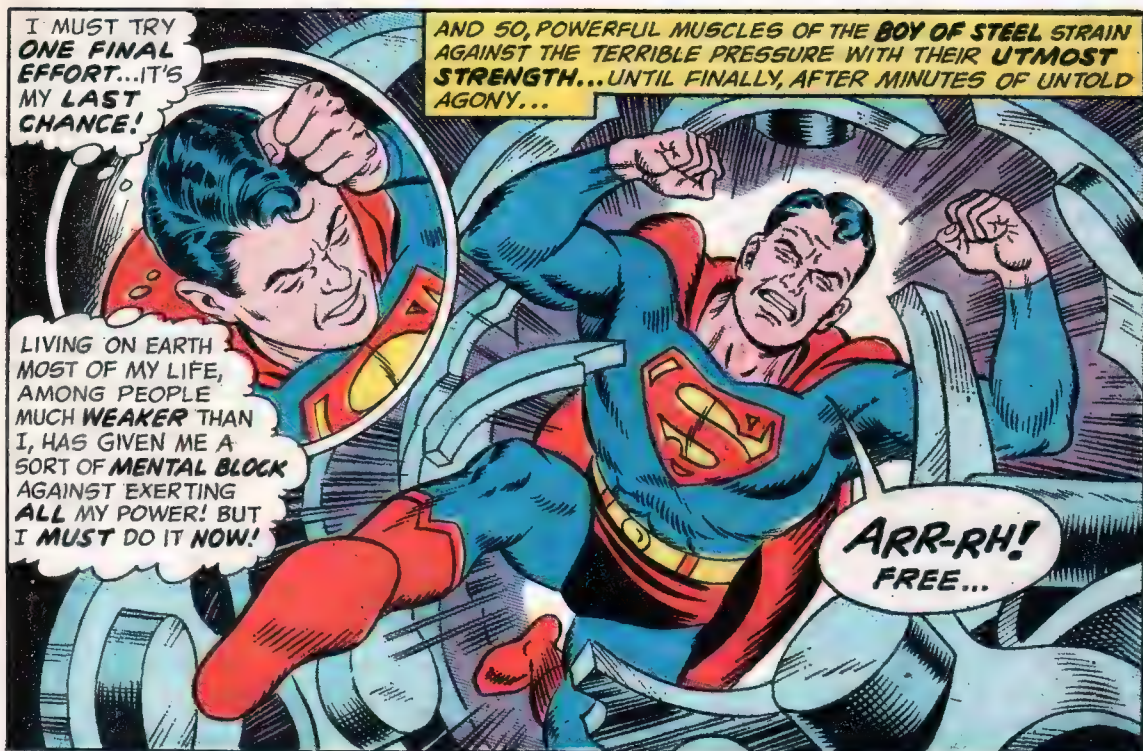
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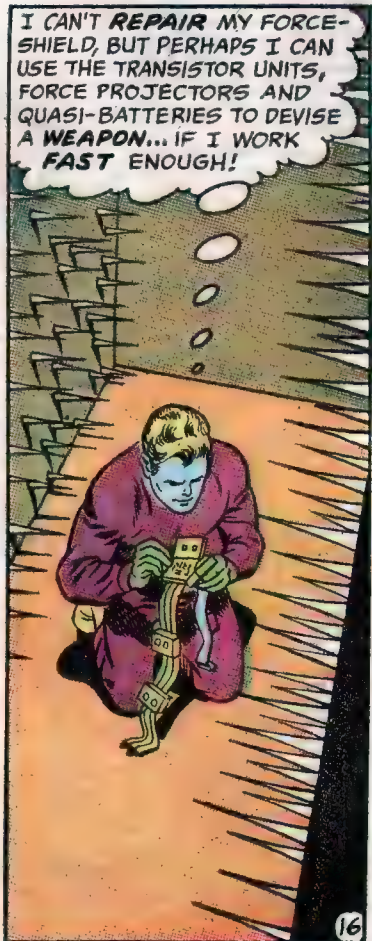
AND IN SUPERBOY'S TINY CONFINES...

I'M DONE!
IN MINUTES,
THIS PRESSURE
WILL CRUSH ME!

BUT I WON'T GIVE
UP AS LONG AS I
HAVE AN OUNCE OF
STRENGTH LEFT!
AS LONG AS A
LEGIONNAIRE
LIVES... HE
FIGHTS!



AND SO, UTILIZING ALL THE STRENGTH OF HIS WELL-TRAINED MIND, **BRAINIAC 5** CONCENTRATES... DESPITE THE GREAT DISTRACTIONS... DESPITE THE DWINDLING TIME LEFT TO HIM... AS HE NEVER HAS BEFORE!



EVEN AS THE SPIKES BEGIN THEIR FATAL THRUST...



AHH! MY **FORCE RAY**...A MODIFIED FORM OF THE **FORCE-FIELD PROJECTOR CIRCUIT**... IS DRILLING A PATH TO SAFETY...**MICROSECONDS** BEFORE THOSE **SPIKES** WOULD'VE DRILLED ME!

AND, IN THE CELL OF **SHADOW LASS**...

IF ONLY THERE WAS A **DARK CORNER**... OR THE **SLIGHTEST SHADOW** TO GIVE ME **STRENGTH!**

PERHAPS IF I HIDE MY FACE IN THE FOLDS OF MY **CAPE**... AND SHIELD MY EYES FROM THE **GLARE!**



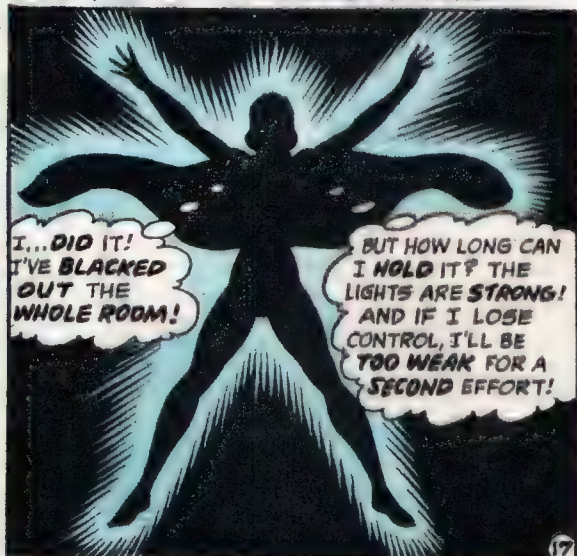
IT'S **WORKING!** I'M GROWING **STRONGER**... REGAINING PART OF MY **SHADOW POWER!**

I MUST USE IT...**ENVELOPE MYSELF IN SHADOW**... THOUGH THE **PRESSURE** FROM THE **LIGHTS** IS **UNBEARABLE!**

MY **POWER'S** BUILDING UP...I CAN **INCREASE** MY **SHADOW**...BUT AS I **EXPAND** IT NEARER THE **LIGHT SOURCES**, THE **PRESSURE** BECOMES **GREATER**...MY **MIND**...IT FEELS AS IF IT'S ON **FIRE!**



FINALLY, WITH ONE FINAL BURST OF **POWER**...

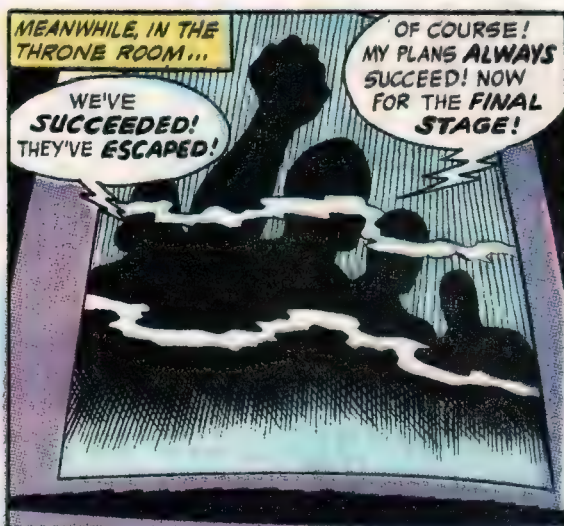


I...**DID IT!** I'VE **BLACKED OUT** THE **WHOLE ROOM!**

BUT HOW LONG CAN I **HOLD IT?** THE **LIGHTS** ARE **STRONG!** AND IF I **LOSE CONTROL**, I'LL BE **TOO WEAK** FOR A **SECOND EFFORT!**



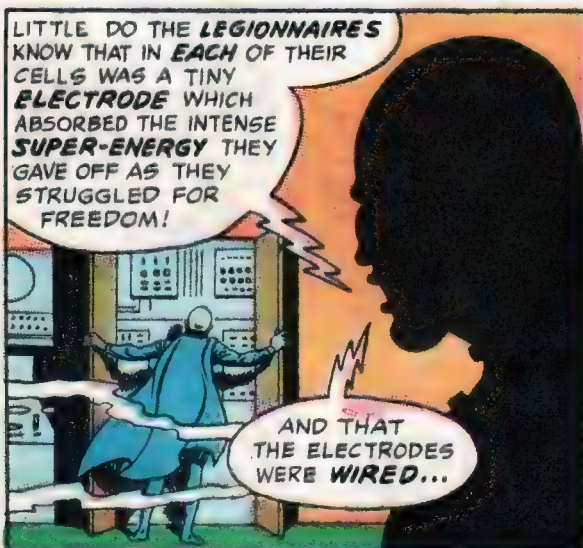
AHH! AN EXIT! ONE OF THE "LIGHTS" WAS REALLY A **HIDDEN DOOR!** NOW I CAN SEARCH FOR THE OTHERS!



MEANWHILE, IN THE THRONE ROOM...

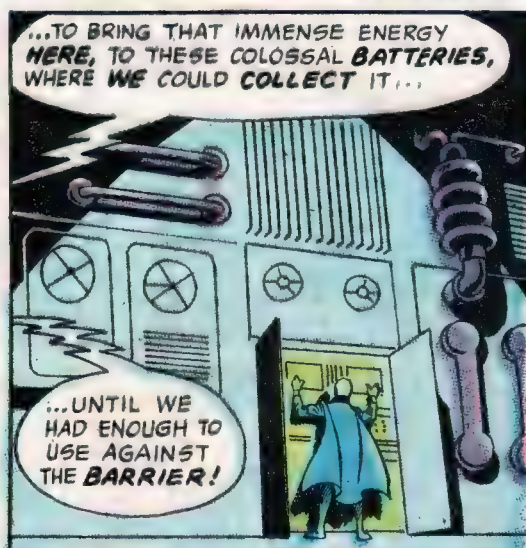
WE'VE **SUCCEEDED!** THEY'VE **ESCAPED!**

OF COURSE! MY PLANS **ALWAYS** SUCCEEDED! NOW FOR THE **FINAL STAGE!**



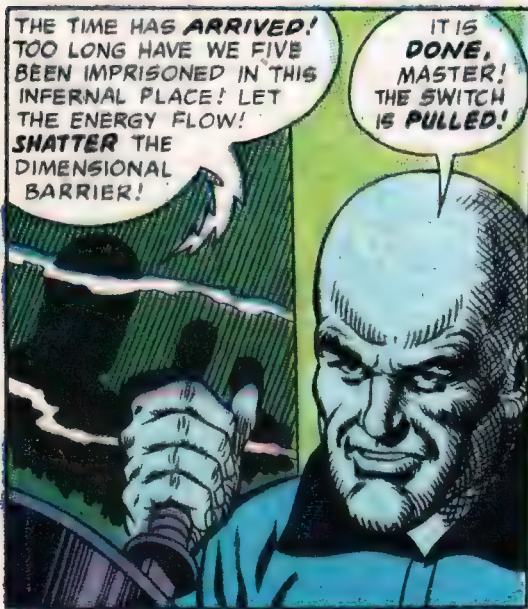
LITTLE DO THE **LEGIONNAIRES** KNOW THAT IN **EACH** OF THEIR CELLS WAS A TINY **ELECTRODE** WHICH ABSORBED THE INTENSE **SUPER-ENERGY** THEY GAVE OFF AS THEY STRUGGLED FOR **FREEDOM!**

AND THAT THE **ELECTRODES** WERE **WIRED...**



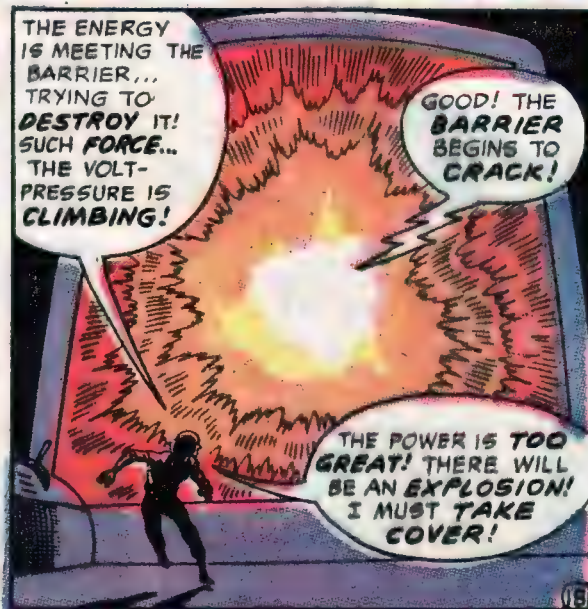
...TO BRING THAT IMMENSE ENERGY **HERE**, TO THESE COLOSSAL **BATTERIES**, WHERE **WE** COULD COLLECT IT...

...UNTIL WE HAD ENOUGH TO USE AGAINST THE **BARRIER!**



THE TIME HAS **ARRIVED!** TOO LONG HAVE WE FIVE BEEN IMPRISONED IN THIS INFERNAL PLACE! LET THE ENERGY FLOW! **SHATTER** THE DIMENSIONAL **BARRIER!**

IT IS **DONE, MASTER!** THE SWITCH IS **PULLED!**



THE ENERGY IS MEETING THE **BARRIER...** TRYING TO **DESTROY IT!** SUCH **FORCE...** THE VOLT-PRESSURE IS **CLIMBING!**

GOOD! THE **BARRIER** BEGINS TO **CRACK!**

THE POWER IS **TOO GREAT!** THERE WILL BE AN **EXPLOSION!** I MUST TAKE **COVER!**

THEN, IN A
BLINDING
FLASH...

THE BARRIER
HAS **FALLEN!**
THEY'RE
COMING
OUT!

WE'RE
FREE!

AND AS THE
SMOKE CLEARS...

WE,
THE **FATAL FIVE**,
HAVE **RETURNED!**
LET THE **UNIVERSE**
BEWARE!

HA, HA! IT WAS THE
LEGIONNAIRES WHO GOT
US INTO THAT **DIMENSIONAL**
TRAP! HOW FITTING THAT
THEY SPRING US!

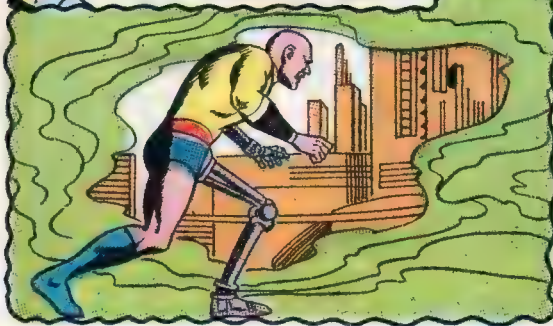
THE **LEGIONNAIRES!**
I REMEMBER HOW
THE ONE CALLED
PRINCESS PROJECTRA
BROKE MY MENTAL
CONTROL OVER
VALIDUS, THE
MIGHTIEST
OF US, AND
MADE HIM
TURN AGAINST
US!*

"WHEN HE UNLEASHED HIS MENTAL LIGHTNING
AGAINST THE **PERSUADER'S** INVINCIBLE AXE,
THE RESULTING BLAST HURLED US INTO ANOTHER
DIMENSION..."

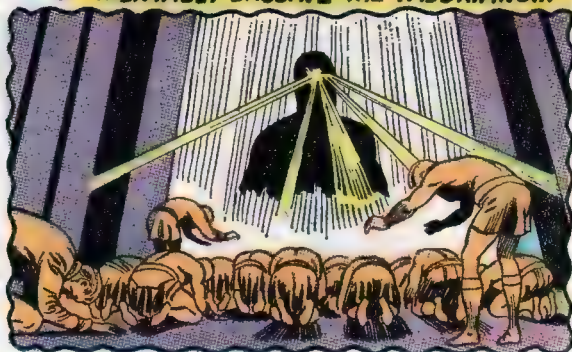
*AS TOLD IN **ADVENTURE**
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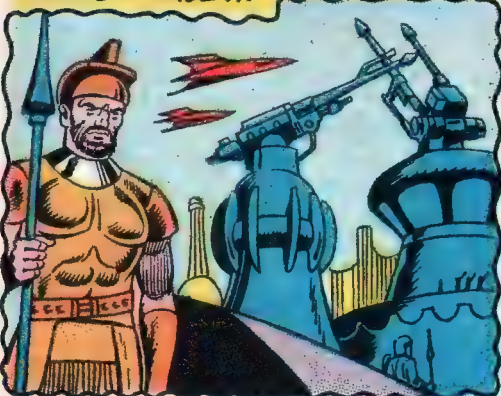
"THE **SUPER-HEROES** NO DOUBT THOUGHT WE HAD BEEN **DESTROYED**... BUT I DIDN'T ONCE CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT, I CHECKED TILL I FOUND A **DIMENSIONAL WINDOW** WHICH OPENED ON THIS PLANET... **TALOK!**"



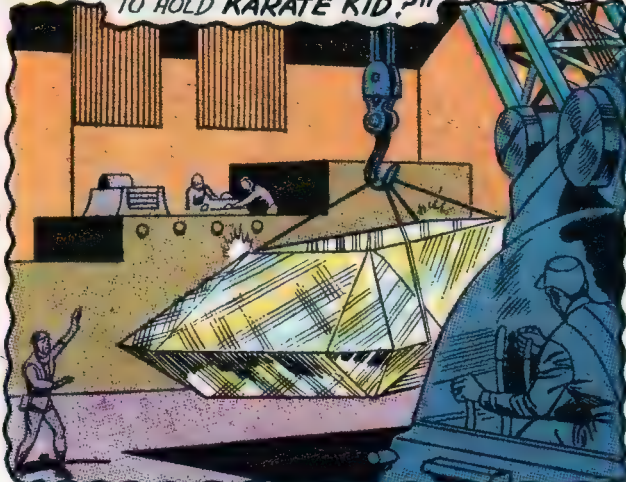
"THE **BARRIER** WAS **PHYSICALLY IMPASSABLE**, BUT **REARRANGING THE CIRCUITS** IN THE **ROBOT HALF OF MY BRAIN**, I CREATED A **MIND-CONTROL UNIT** WITH WHICH I COULD **MENTALLY ENSLAVE THE TALOKIANS**..."



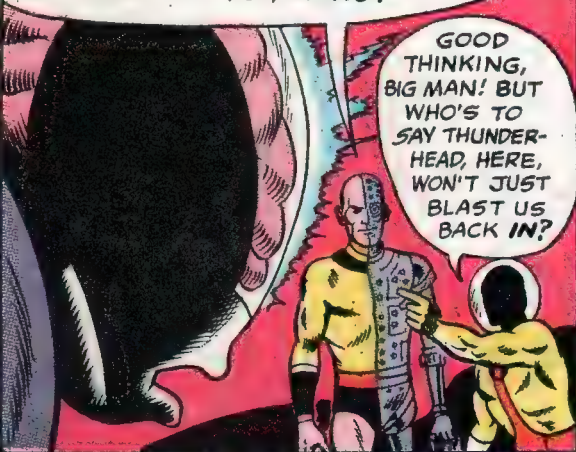
"THAT WAS HOW **TALOK** CHANGED FROM A **PEACEFUL PLANET** TO A **WARLIKE WORLD**. I KNEW THE **LEGION** WOULD COME TO INVESTIGATE, AND I HAD A **SPECIAL TRAP** PREPARED TO **TAX THE POWERS OF ANY WHO SHOWED UP**... INCLUDING **TALOK'S HEROINE, SHADOW LASS**..."



"WHO, BUT I, **THAROK**, USING ONLY THE HANDS OF **SLAVES** THROUGH **MIND CONTROL**, COULD HAVE CREATED A **MACHINE**, MADE OF **SUPER-METAL** FROM A **RED-SUN WORLD**, TO **TRAP SUPERBOY**, OR A **JEWEL LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD KARATE KID**?"



JUST AS **SUPER-ENERGY** PUT US IN THAT **DIMENSION**, ONLY **SUPER-ENERGY** COULD GET US **OUT!** AND THE **LEGIONNAIRES** SUPPLIED THAT **ENERGY!** **BRILLIANT OF ME** TO **FIGURE IT OUT, EH, MANO?**



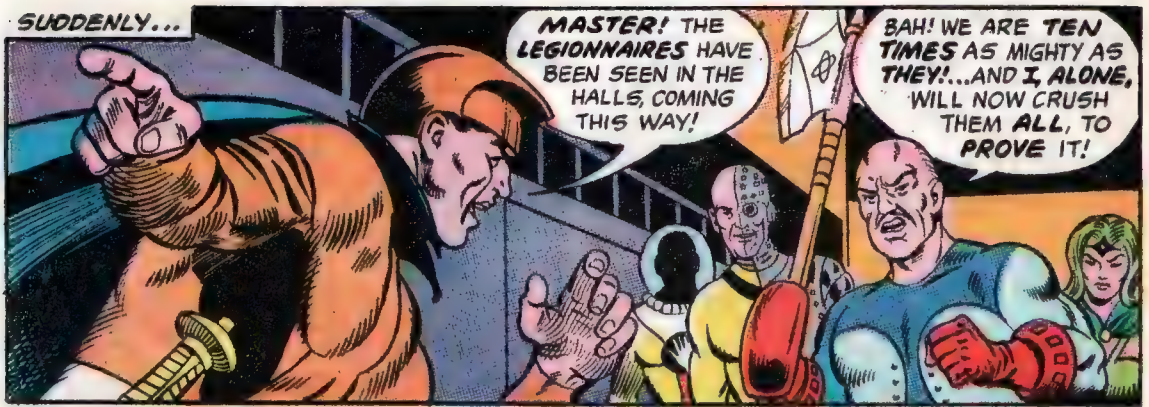
GOOD THINKING, **BIG MAN!** BUT WHO'S TO SAY **THUNDER-HEAD**, HERE, WON'T JUST **BLAST US BACK IN?**



VALIDUS? IMPOSSIBLE! MY **MIND CONTROL** OVER HIM HAS **GROWN** DURING OUR **EXILE**... HE **CANNOT** **DISOBEY!**

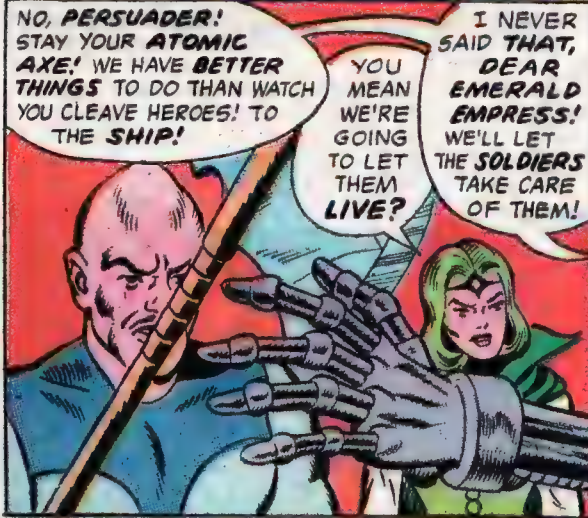
AND MY **INCREASING INFLUENCE** HAS TURNED HIM AS **TRULY EVIL** AS THE **REST OF US!**

SUDDENLY...



MASTER! THE
LEGIONNAIRES HAVE
BEEN SEEN IN THE
HALLS, COMING
THIS WAY!

BAH! WE ARE **TEN
TIMES AS MIGHTY AS
THEY!**...AND I, ALONE,
WILL NOW CRUSH
THEM ALL, TO
PROVE IT!



NO, **PERSUADER!**
STAY YOUR **ATOMIC
AXE!** WE HAVE **BETTER
THINGS** TO DO THAN WATCH
YOU CLEAVE HEROES! TO
THE **SHIP!**

YOU
MEAN
WE'RE
GOING
TO LET
THEM
LIVE?

I NEVER
SAID THAT,
**DEAR
EMERALD
EMPRESS!**
WE'LL LET
THE **SOLDIERS**
TAKE CARE
OF THEM!

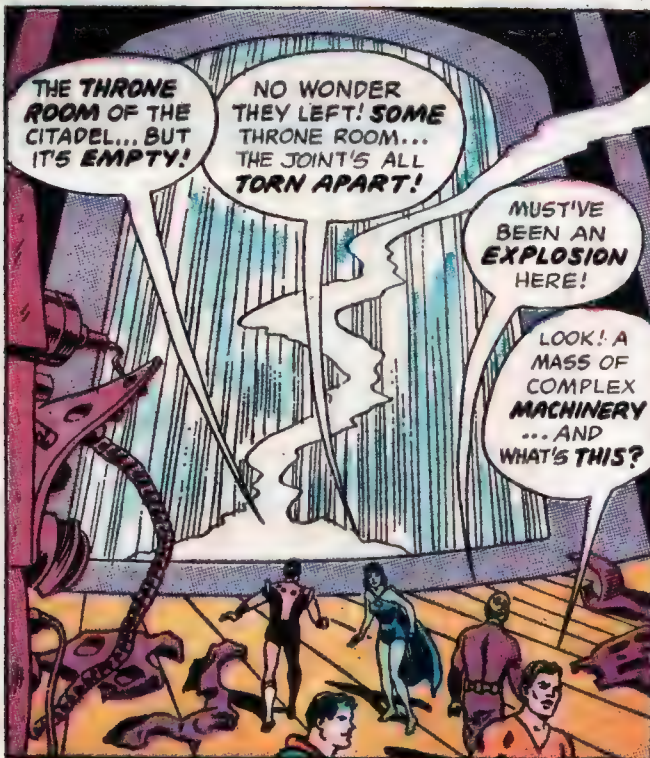


MEANWHILE...

WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
BRAINY?

I THINK
THERE ARE A
LOT OF **ANSWERS**
WAITING AT THE
END OF THIS
CORRIDOR!

THEN WHAT
ARE WE DOING
HERE, ASKING
QUESTIONS?

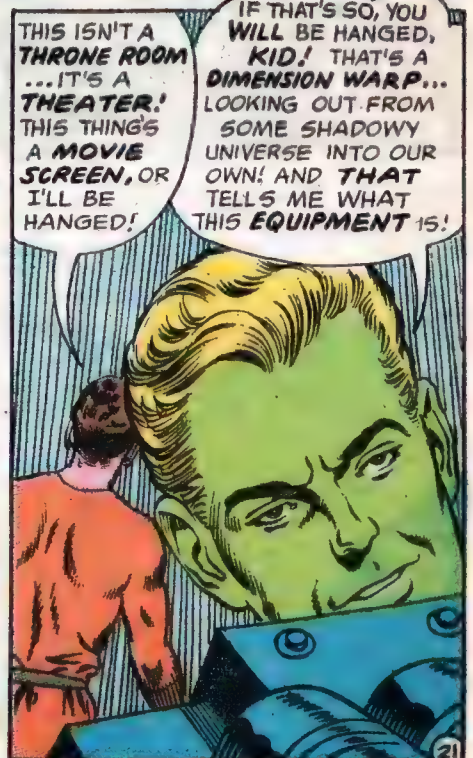


THE **THRONE
ROOM** OF THE
CITADEL... BUT
IT'S **EMPTY!**

NO WONDER
THEY LEFT! **SOME
THRONE ROOM...
THE JOINT'S ALL
TORN APART!**

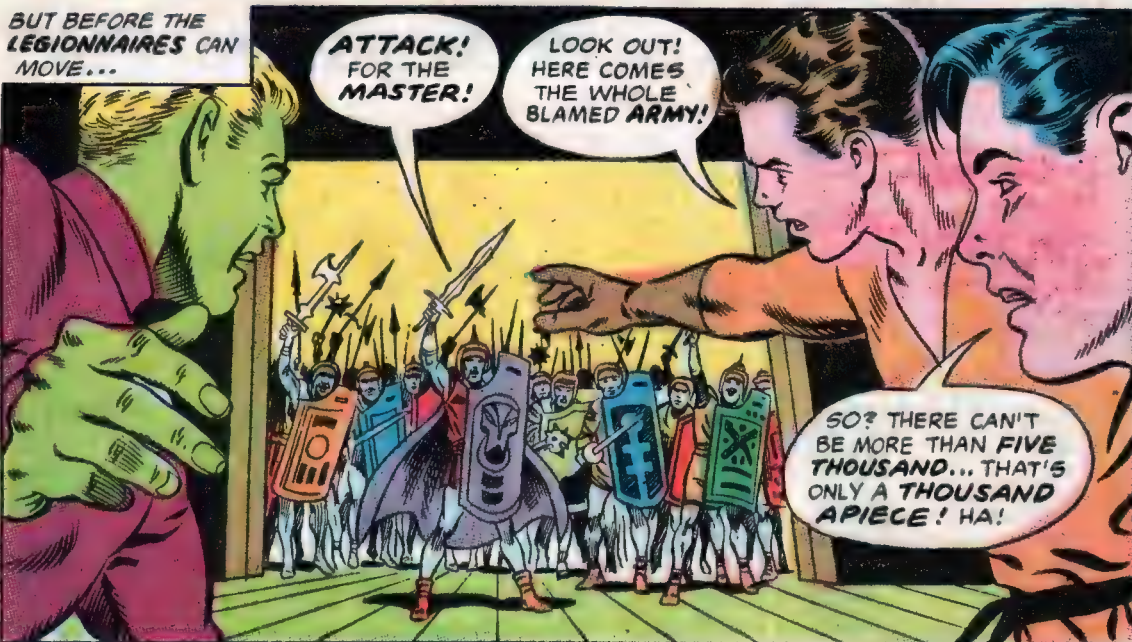
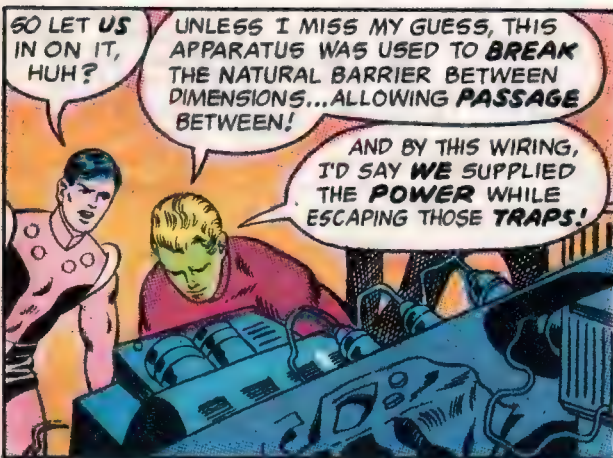
MUST'VE
BEEN AN
EXPLOSION
HERE!

LOOK! A
MASS OF
COMPLEX
MACHINERY
... AND
WHAT'S THIS?



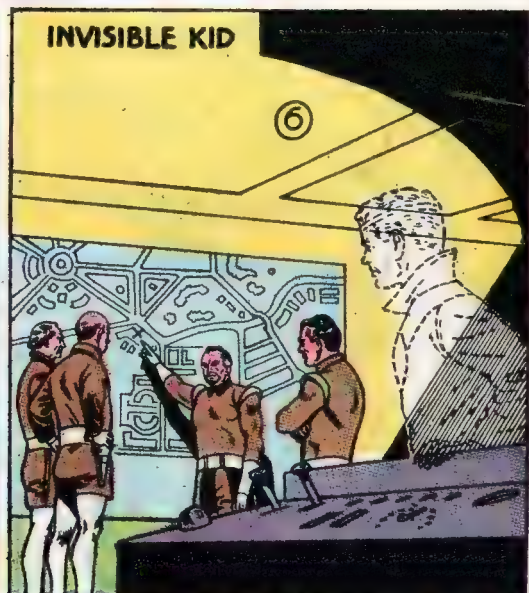
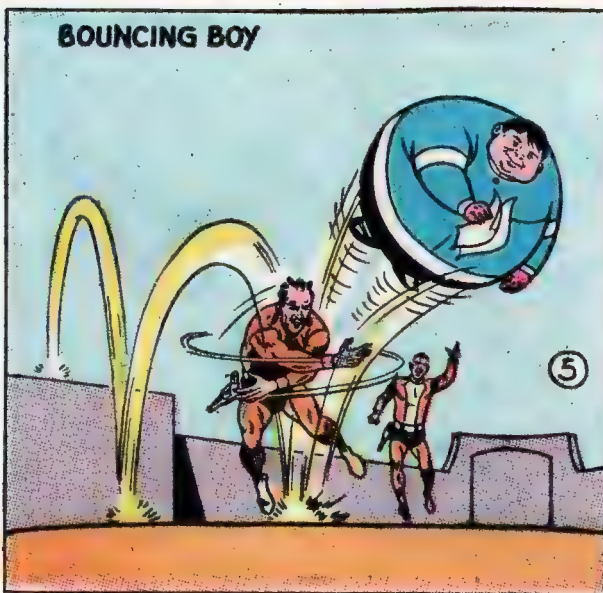
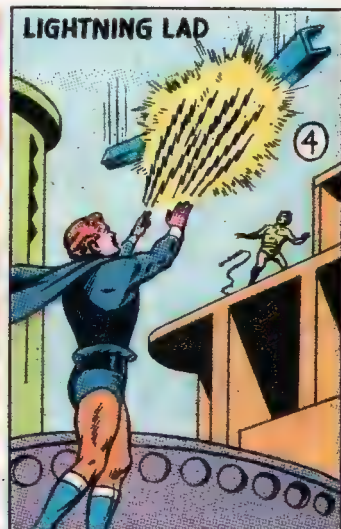
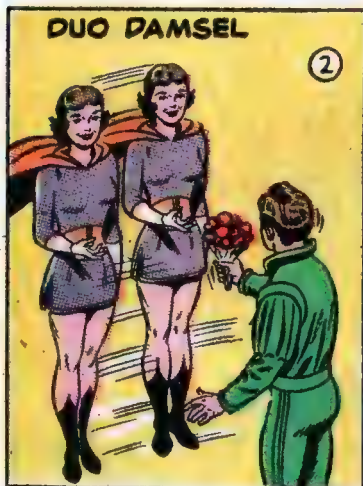
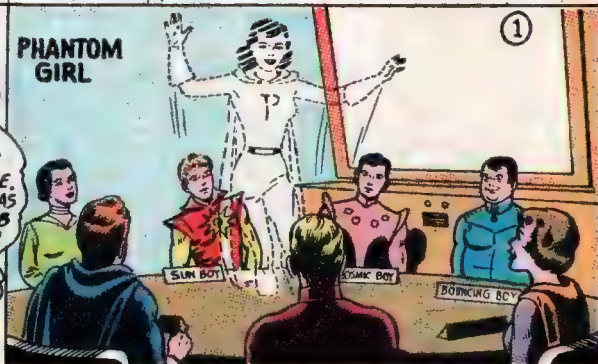
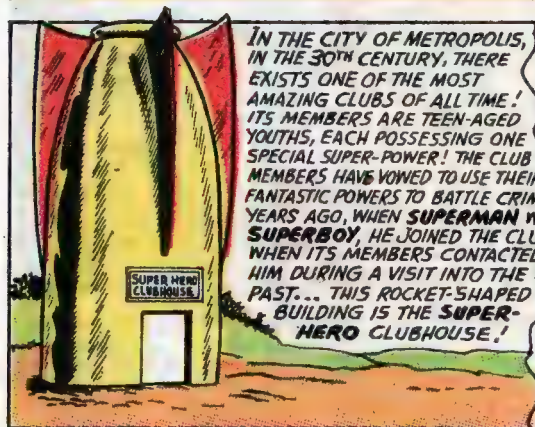
THIS ISN'T A
THRONE ROOM
...IT'S A
THEATER!
THIS THING'S
A **MOVIE
SCREEN,** OR
I'LL BE
HANGED!

IF THAT'S SO, YOU
WILL BE HANGED,
KID! THAT'S A
DIMENSION WARP...
LOOKING OUT FROM
SOME SHADY
UNIVERSE INTO OUR
OWN! AND **THAT**
TELLS ME WHAT
THIS **EQUIPMENT** IS!



NEXT ISSUE: **TO THE DEATHS!**

The ORIGIN and POWERS of *The* LEGION

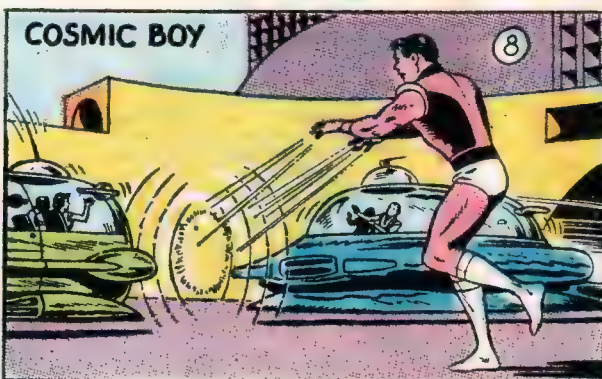


of SUPER-HEROES!

SHRINKING VIOLET



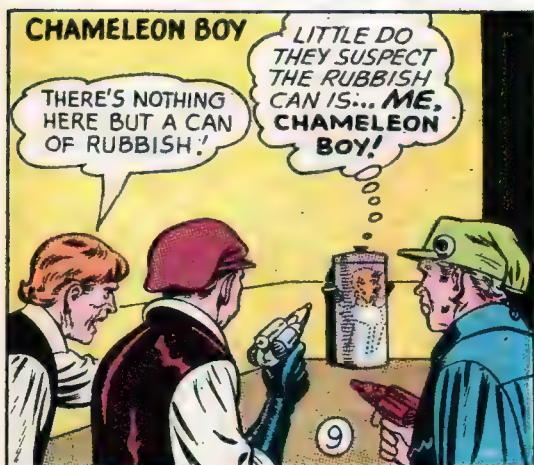
COSMIC BOY



CHAMELEON BOY

LITTLE DO
THEY SUSPECT
THE RUBBISH
CAN IS... ME,
CHAMELEON
BOY!

THERE'S NOTHING
HERE BUT A CAN
OF RUBBISH!



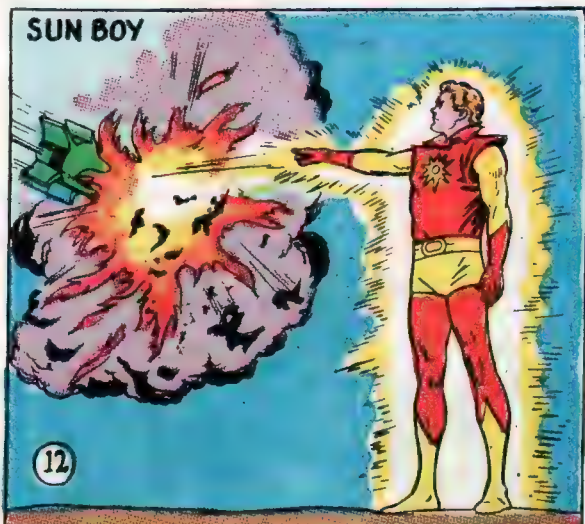
SATURN GIRL



COLOSSAL BOY



SUN BOY



SUPERBOY

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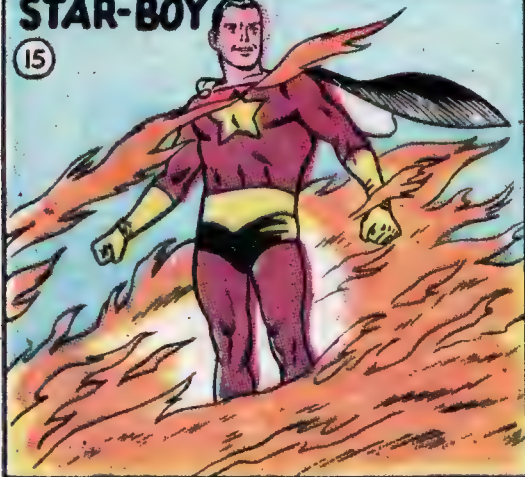
LIGHT LASS

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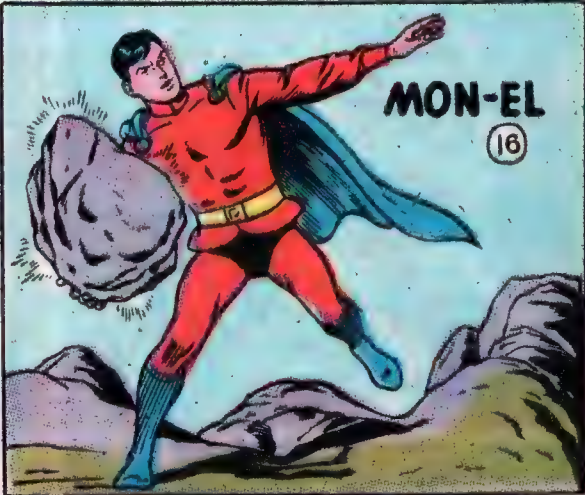
STAR-BOY

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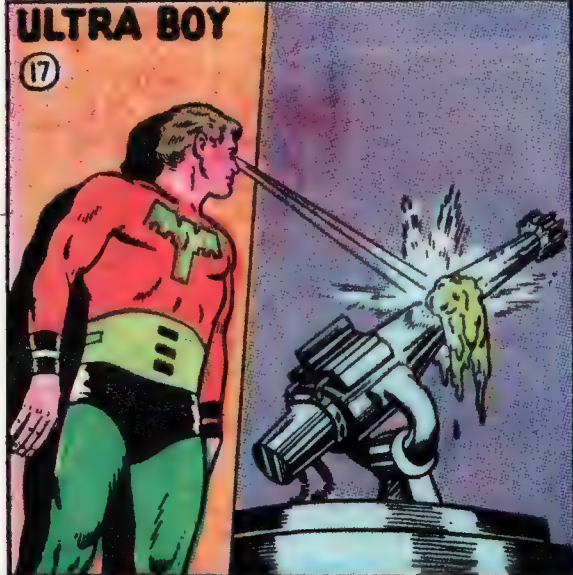
MON-EL

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ULTRA BOY

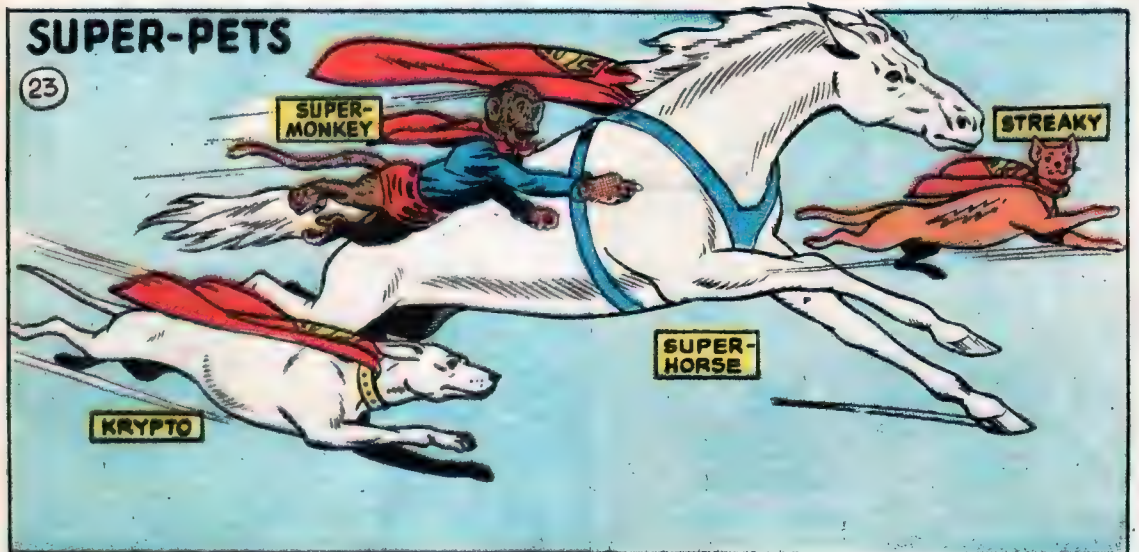
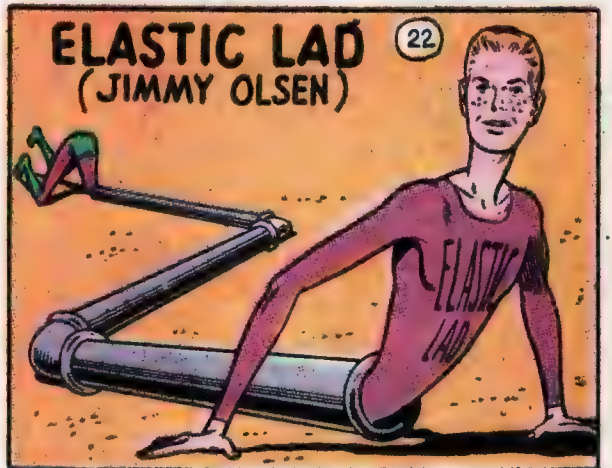
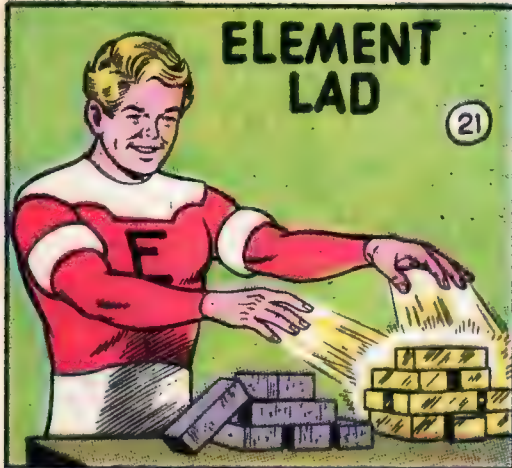
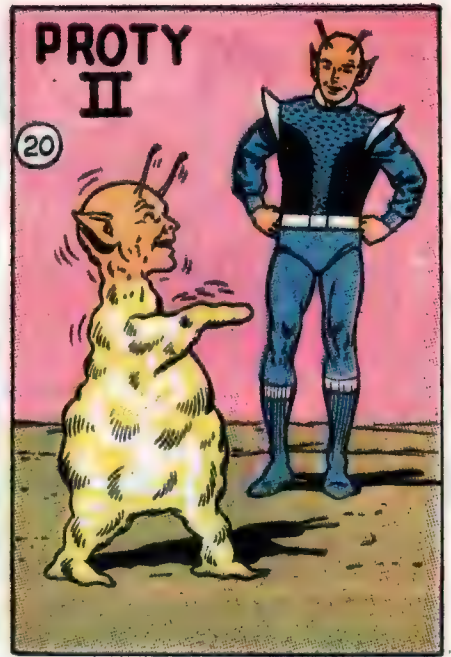
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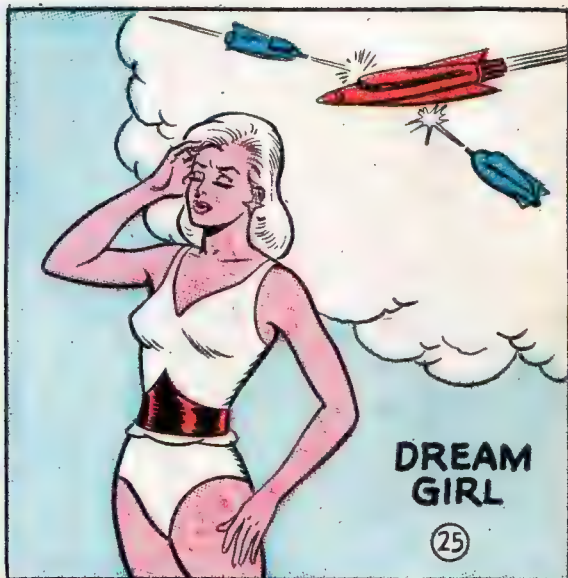
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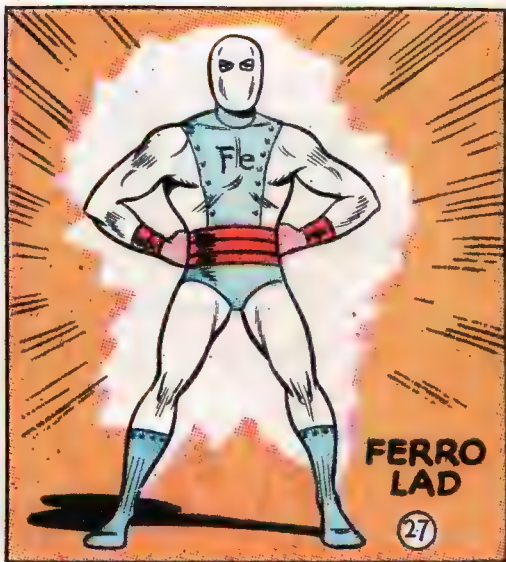
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**KARATE
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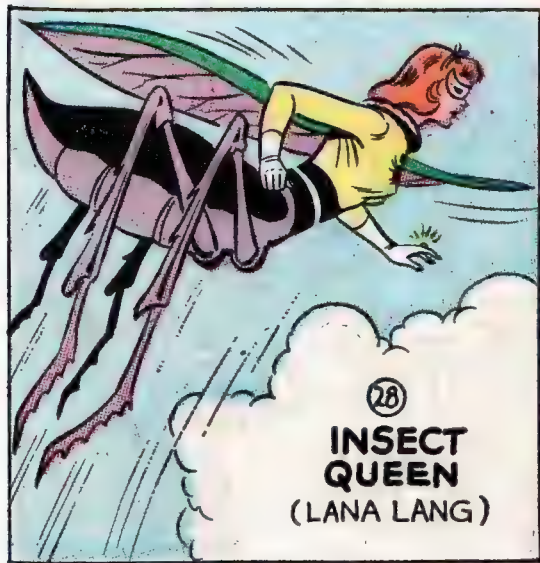
**DREAM
GIRL**
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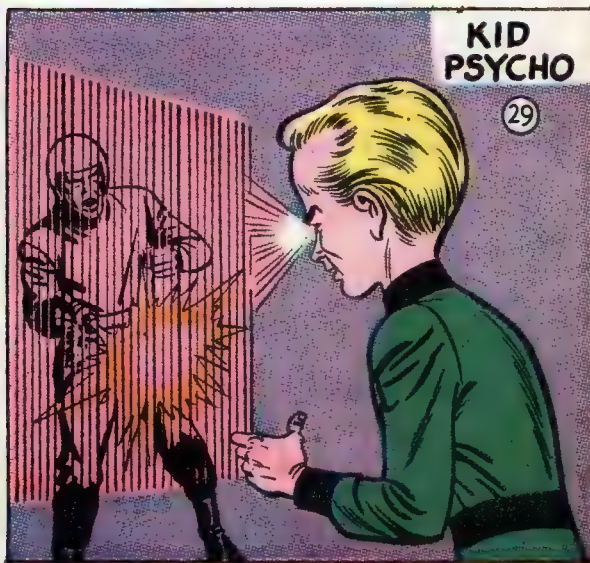
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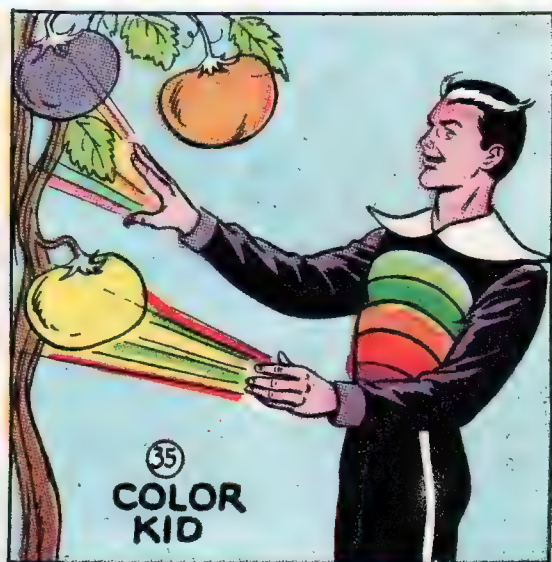
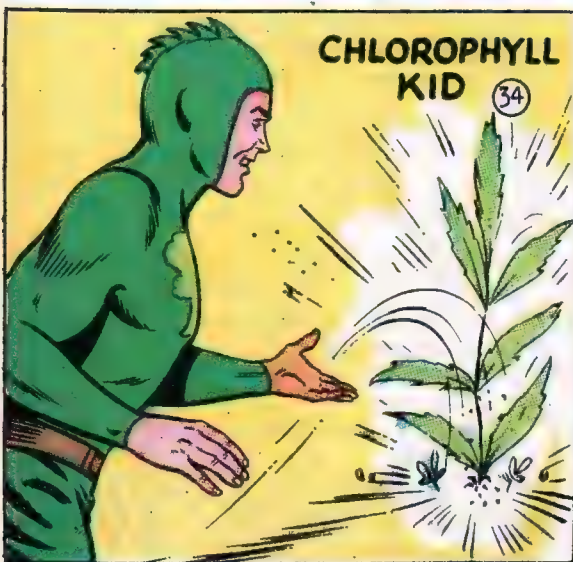
**FERRO
LAD**
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**INSECT
QUEEN
(LANA LANG)**



**KID
PSYCHO**
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(1) **PHANTOM GIRL** (Tinya Wazzo) came from the planet BGZTL, which occupies the same space as Earth, but in another dimension. She can dematerialize at will and pass through solid objects.

(2) **DUO DAMSEL** (Luornu Durgo) was known as **TRIPPLICATE GIRL** until one of her three bodies was killed by the villainous thinking machine, **COMPUTO**. She comes from the planet **CARGG**, whose triple sun gives all natives the power to split into three bodies. **DUO DAMSEL** can still become **TWO** girls. A double date with her is **REALLY** double!

(3) **BRAINIAC 5** (Querl Dox), of the planet **COLU**, is a descendant of **VRIL DOX**, the adopted son of the original **BRAINIAC**, **SUPERMAN'S** foe. Vril found a way to raise his brain to the 12th level, making it the equal of **BRAINIAC'S** computer mind; and a genetic change enabled him to pass this super-mind on to his descendants, including **BRAINIAC 5**.

(4) **LIGHTNING LAD** (Garth Ranzz) gained the power to generate lightning bolts when he was attacked by lightning monsters on the planet **KORBAL**, and their blasts electrified his body. He is from a different world, **WINATH**.

(5) **BOUNCING BOY** (Chuck Taine), of **EARTH**, gained the power of super-bouncing when he drank a super-plastic fluid, which he mistook for soda-pop. Scene shows him bouncing away from angry crooks with important papers.

(6) **INVISIBLE KID** (Lyle Norg), also of **EARTH**, is a young genius who invented a serum which enables him to become invisible. He uses his power to spy on outlaws.

(7) **SHRINKING VIOLET** (Salu Digby) comes from the planet **IMSK**, where everyone can shrink to tiny size.

(8) **COSMIC BOY** (Rokk Krinn) came from the planet **BRAAL**, where the people evolved magnetic powers to battle the metal monsters of that world. Scene shows him preventing a rocket-car collision by magnetically repelling the two metal craft.

(9) **CHAMELEON BOY** (Reep Daggie) came from the planet **DURLA**, where everyone can assume any shape he chooses.

(10) **SATURN GIRL** (Imra Ardeen) comes from **SATURN**, where everyone has **E.S.P.** powers. Scene shows her mentally commanding a monster to retreat.

(11) **COLOSSAL BOY** (Gim Allon), of **EARTH**, gained the power of super-growth from a strange meteor.

(12) **SUN BOY** (Dirk Morgna) was locked in an atomic reactor chamber by the villainous **DR. REGULUS**. But instead of killing him, the

atomic bombardment made him a human beacon of heat and light. Scene depicts him melting a deadly missile before it can explode.

(13) **SUPERBOY** (Clark Kent, born Kal-El) came from the giant planet **KRYPTON**, under a red sun. He derived his powers, such as invulnerability, super-strength, super-speed, flying, and super-senses, from **EARTH'S** lesser gravity and yellow sun.

(14) **LIGHT LASS** (Ayla Ranzz) is **LIGHTNING LAD'S** sister, and got the same power in the same way at the same time. At first she was called **LIGHTNING LASS**, but **DREAM GIRL** used her scientific knowledge to change Ayla's power. Now she can make objects super-light-weight.

(15) **STAR BOY** (Thom Kallor) was born in an orbiting observatory in space, where his astronomer-parents from the planet **XANTHU**, lived, picking up starlight for research. This starlight gave Thom the power to draw mass from the stars and induce it into any object, making it super-heavy.

(16) **MON-EL** (Lar Gand) comes from **DAXAM**, a Krypton-like planet, and has the same powers as **SUPERBOY**. When he first came to Earth, he had amnesia, and **SUPERBOY**, thinking he was from **KRYPTON**, gave him his own family named, **EL**, plus **MON**, because they met on Monday. Later, contact with lead, which is deadly to him, as Kryptonite is to **SUPERBOY**, restored his memory and endangered his life. **SUPERBOY** could only save him by putting him into the **PHANTOM ZONE**, where he remained 1,000 years, until **BRAINIAC 5** invented a serum which, taken at regular intervals, makes **MON** immune to lead and gives him powers under a red sun.

(17) **ULTRA BOY** (Jo Nah), of the planet **Rimbor**, was charged with ultra-energy when his space-speedster was swallowed by a huge energy-beast. A passing galactic cruiser saved him by slicing the creature open. Jo has ultra-strength, ultra-speed, invulnerability, and ultra-vision—including penetra vision, which can even see through lead. But he can only use one power at a time.

(18) **MATTER-EATER LAD** (Tenzil Kem) came from the planet **BISMOLL**, where, over a period of eons, microbes poisoned all the food. To survive, the people evolved the ability to eat anything—glass, metal, and even poison—without any ill effects.

(19) **SUPERGIRL** (Linda Lee Danvers, born Kara Zor-El) was born in **ARGO CITY**, on a chunk of **KRYPTON** hurled off when that world exploded. The city survived under a plastic

ORIGINS

and

POWERS

of the

LEGION

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SUPER-HEROES

(Explanation of Pictures 1-35)

dome, but the inhabitants, except for SUPER-GIRL, who was rocketed to Earth, and her parents, who escaped to the Survival Zone, were later wiped out by Kryptonite poisoning.

(20) PROTY II, the protoplasmic pet of CHAMELEON BOY, comes from a planet of ANTARES, where all life was endangered by climatic changes. A super-scientific race changed the creatures that lived there to proteans, able to alter their shapes to adapt to any conditions. PROTY II belongs to the LEGION OF SUPER- PETS.

(21) ELEMENT LAD (Jan Arrah) was the only inhabitant of the planet TROM who was not wiped out in a battle with space-criminals. In TROM'S radioactive environment, the people evolved the power to change the atomic structure of elements by mental radiations. For instance, Jan can change iron into gold.

(22) JIMMY OLSEN, because of his services to SUPERMAN, was made an honorary member, although he is over the age limit. He gets his super-stretching ELASTIC LAD power from a serum given him by PROF. POTTER.

(23) Other SUPER-PETS: KRYPTO, SUPER-BOY'S pet, and BEPPO, the SUPER-MONKEY both came from KRYPTON—KRYPTO in an experimental space capsule, and BEPPO as a stowaway in SUPERBABY'S rocket. STREAKY, SUPERGIRL'S Earth-born cat, got his powers from a piece of X-KRYPTONITE, created in a scientific experiment. COMET, the SUPER-HORSE, SUPERGIRL'S other pet, was BIRON, a centaur, in ancient Greece. CIRCE the sorceress tried to change him into a man, but an evil sorcerer switched her magic potions, and BIRON became a horse. CIRCE then gave him the super-powers of the gods. COMET becomes human when he is in sight of a real comet.

(24) KARATE KID (Val Armorr) lived in Japan as a child. Here he learned karate and other forms of fighting from an Oriental expert who had devised a new form of super-karate. This involved training from infancy, making the pupil into a regular super-being, able to smash solid steel with his bare hand, and Val was the only one to master the new art.

(25) DREAM GIRL (Nura Nal) comes from NALTOR, a planet where everyone has the power to see into the future—to a limited extent. She has finally developed this power to the degree that she can sometimes see as much as a year into the future.

(26) PRINCESS PROJECTRA, of the Royal Family of the planet ORANDO, was endowed by a witch with the power of creating realistic illusions, soon after her birth.

(27) FERRO LAD (Andrew Nolan) was an EARTH boy—but a mutant, with a non-human face, which he kept masked, and the ability

to change his body to nearly invulnerable iron. He gave his life to destroy the SUN-EATER, which threatened to destroy the galaxy.

(28) LANA LANG could not join the LEGION as a regular member because her INSECT QUEEN power comes from a device—a biogenetic ring given her by an alien from space whom she helped out of a tight spot. But she was made a member of the LEGION RESERVE. When she wears the ring, LANA can take on the attributes of any insect she wishes, and fly like a bee, jump like a grasshopper, etc.

(29) KID PSYCHO (Gnill Opral) was born on the planet HAJOR. His parents were astronauts whose contact with radiation in space affected their genes. So their son was born a mutant, with an oversized brain and the power of mind over matter. He developed the ability to project impenetrable force-fields from his eyes. After his world was destroyed in a collision with a wandering planet, he came to Earth and applied for LEGION membership. But doctors discovered that every time he used his power, he shortened his life by about a year. However, he became a RESERVIST—and the LEGION'S SECRET WEAPON.

(30) POLAR BOY (Brek Bannin) came from the planet THARR, where the people developed the power of projecting intense cold to combat the heat storms caused when THARR nears its sun in its irregular orbit. POLAR BOY is the founder and leader of the LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES, made up of LEGION rejects who formed their own group. The other five SUBSTITUTES are listed below.

(31) FIRE LAD (StaQ Mavlen), of the planet SHWAR, was endowed with flame breath when he inhaled weird vapors from a crashing meteor.

(32) NIGHT GIRL (Lydda Jath) was born on the dark planet, KATHOON. Her father created a vitalizing ray which gave her super-strength—but only in deep shadow or at night. Direct sunlight robs her of her power.

(33) STONE BOY (Dag Wentim) comes from the planet ZWEN, which rotates so slowly that the nights are half a year long. The people developed the power to turn to stone so they could spend this time in suspended animation. STONE BOY can remain awake when he is in his stone form, but he cannot move.

(34) CHLOROPHYLL KID (Ral Benem), of the planet MARDRU, fell into a tank of powerful plant-growing solution as an infant. As a result, he gained the power to make plants grow super-fast—and super-big.

(35) COLOR KID (Ulu Vakk), of the planet LUPRA, was assisting a scientist in an experiment when a ray of multi-colored light from another dimension struck the lad. It gave him the ability to change the color of anything at will.

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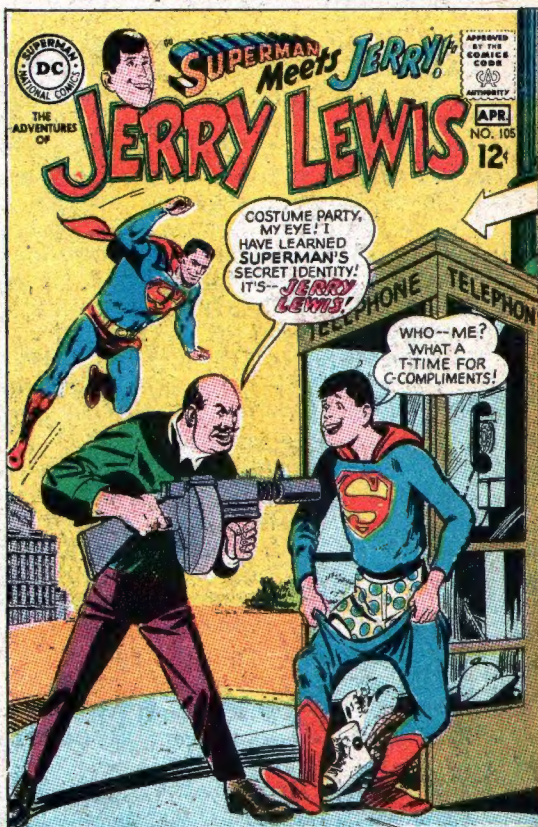
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